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Vatican names envoy to Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Vatican has named Monsignor Giuseppe Lazaroto as ambassador of the Holy See in Iordan in implementation of a bilateral agreement announced last March for the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two sides. Monsignor Lazaroto, 52, will also serve as the Holy See's ambassador to Iraq, the Agence France Presse said. The Italian-born Lazaroto earlier served as the Vatican's envoy to Zambia, Belgium and Cuba. The appointment of the ambassador came in the wake of a visit earlier this month to Jordan by Vatican Foreign Minister Jean Luis Tauran, who was received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein. The envoy also held meetings with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and other Jordanian government leaders to discuss bilateral relations, the Middle East and the status of Jerusalem.

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TEL AVIV (AP) - Israeli officials said Sunday that Jordan has

'Jordan to grant Israel flyover rights'

agreed to allow Israeli passenger flights over its airspace, a measure Israel is likely to reciprocate. "Jordan agrees to grant Israel permission to use its airspace for civilian flights to India and the Far East," said Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar in a ment. The announcement came on the eve of the historic Washington summit between King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Transport ministry spokesman Eli Danon received the Jordanian decision Sunday. It was not clear when the permission would take effect. In Amman, Ahmad Itweiber, head of Jordan's Civil Aviation Authority, denied the report, however. Jordanians and Israeli officials meeting last week in peace talks agreed to work towards civil aviation cooperation. They said an agreement would be reached by October. Jordan is keen on setting permission to fly over air space controlled by Israel to shorten flight times to Europe, Mr. Kessar's statement said Israel would likely allow Royal Jordanian airlines to fly over a northern

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The summit, which has been described by all sides as historic and crucial to establishing comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace, is expected to produce a document announcing the end of belligerency between Jordan and Israel and agreements to work jointly on economic development in the future.

Senior Jordanian officials accompanying the King in Washington would not reveal the contents of the "Washington Declaration." but Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali says that it will mainly draw on the elements included in the Jordanian-Israeli agenda signed here on Sept. 14 last year.

negotiated in advance or But important as that. document may be, the real issue for Jordan is how much 237 mile (279 kilometri of a political change the sum-New York-Washington r mit meeting will produce.

"What is happening now is an end to the era of uncertainty that we have witnessed for too long," says Adnan Aba Odeh, Jordan's representative at the U.N. "For Jordan, the new era should bring with it a gained momentum that could not have come in the no-war, no-peace situation of the old times. In fact, I would go as far as saying that these latest political developments are tantamount to a rebirth of the Jordanian state: or a second declaration of independence

The officials see the signing of the non-belligerency accord not as a major concession to the Israelis, although it might have been demanded by the Americans and Israel, but as a two-sided tool that would help the two countries lay a fertile ground for peace.

for the end of belligerency, and tomorrow's declaration will entail part of the implementation of that resolution," Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S. Fayez Tarawneh says. "There is as much interest for Jordan in that declaration as for Israel or anybody else."

The end of belligerency is not equivalent to the end of the state of war," Mr. Abu Odeh says. "What the declaration means, in effect, is that Jordan and Israel now agree that they will not resort to military means to resolve their conflicts and disputes, which is also in the Kingdom's best interest."

Sources close to the Israeli delegation quoted Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, as saying non-belligerency was not enough for the Israelis or the U.S. Congress (to agree to reduce Jordan's foreign debt and extend military support). The Jordanian side, however, dismissed such talk as aimed at putting pressure on Jordan to sign a peace treaty right away.

"What the Israelis are doing, by employing such tactics, is what we've always been used to since negotiations started. Anything beyond non-belligerency would require a peace treaty, and we're nowhere close to doing that," a senior official

'As far as the U.S. Congress is concerned, it is true that we do not have iron-clad guarantees on anything. But we have the president's and his administration's word that a request (to scrap Jordan's debts and supply the Jordanian army with weapons) before Aug. 1. (one) and this is enough for now," the official maintains.

For their part, the Americans are comfortable with the feeling that tomorrow's meeting at the White House is a solid step towards peace. although it was not immediately clear what position the administration was taking on Israeli demands to go beyond non-belligerency.

An envoy, however, was shuttling among the three parties until late afternoon yesterday, trying to bridge the gaps between the Jorda-"U.N. Resolution 242 calls nian and Israelis.

U.S. officials describe the declaration as "significant" and "a fairly detailed roadmap of their future normalisation of relations that includes some reference to an

end to the belligerency." U.S. officials have made no secret that although Israel and Jordan worked the declaration out bilaterally, it was done at the encouragement of the United States which felt Monday's summit should be "more than significant symbolically, it should be substantively significant as

Writing in Sunday's Washington Post, Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser to President Clinton, said Monday's "historic meeting will be further testimony that a peaceful and prosperous future for all the people of the Middle East is

within our grasp."
"In the Middle East, as in the rest of the post-cold war, two futures diverge," Mr.

"One track, that of extremism, repression and hate led this past week to Buenos Aires, where a terrorist bomb killed dozens of members of Jewish aid and community organisations. The other track, leading to a future built on dialogue, moderation and democracy, will pass tomorrow through the White House, where Jordan's King Hussein will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin.' In his article, the National Security Adviser dwelled on me role being Americans in bridging the remaining gap between Syria and Israel and stressed the need for achieving comprehensive peace. But the question that was being asked here yesterday was whether the Syrian ambassador would be attending the ceremony accompanying the White House meeting.

Jordanian diplomatic sources told the Jordan Times, however, that the Syrian envoy, along with his Lebanese counterpart, were still in Damascus and Beirut respectively, where they went to follow up on Warren Christopher's recent visit







Meeting expected to set Jordan's role in region

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The historical meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington today will not only signal the end of the state of belligerency between the two countries but is expected to determine where the Kingdom will fit in what analysts describe as the new regional order. Cabinet sources told the

Jordan Times Sunday that Jordan had received a letter of assurances from the U.S. administration over its intended economic and military aid to the Kingdom, signed by President Bill Clinton with the knowledge and approval of the U.S. Congress. President Bill Clinton

signed the letter of assurances to Jordan in the presence of representatives of Congress," a source told the Jordan Times.

Most officials and diplomats, contacted by the Jordan Times since President Clinton announced that King Hussein and Mr. Rabin had accepted their invitation to meet at the White House on July 25, said they believed the King will at least make an oral declaration of nonbelligerency with Israel.

While no one expected the King to sign a formal peace treaty or even a formal declaration of non-belligerency. most agree that the announcement even though only verbal, will serve as another "confidencebuilding" measure that would

commitment to a comprehensive peace in the Middle

The Kingdom has already taken the lead in this regard by allowing bilateral negotiations with Israel to move into the region and by hosting a trilateral meeting that saw the first ever Israeli cabinet minister on Jordanian soil. In both the bilaterals at Wadi Araba and the trilaterals at the Dead Sea Jordan

pledged a full commitment to resolving all outstanding conflicts with Israel, including the issues of territory, boundaries and water sharing, as with Israel. The schedule of his majesty, which will include a working lunch with

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Regent says 1994 will herald peace

AMMAN (J.T.) - His of the necessity of such a Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday voiced hope that 1994 will be the year that heralds peace in the Middle East.

In an interview with the American Cable News Net-work (CNN) television broadcast Sunday evening on Jordan Television, the Regent also said U.S. aid to Jordan was in the broad context of the need to maintain stability in the region rather

than a bilateral deal. Following are excerpts from the interview: Question: Your Highness, could you tell me — there has

been a lot of movement of late in the diplomatic front in the peace process. Is this the final stretch on the road to peace?

Answer: I think it is certainly the structured, systematic hopefully, process. We have spoken a lot of "process," but now we are speaking of the ground of a process that includes specifically water, environment, related issues on boundaries. But I think yes, in that sense I have always said that '94 is the year of the threshold of

Q: Do you think the Jordanian people have psychologically adjusted themselves? Are they now ready to see your brother meeting publicly in Washington with (Israeli) Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Rabin?

A: I think that, as His Majesty has mentioned,

meeting. As the man in the street will tell you it is not the first meeting between an Arab leader and the Israeli leadership.

Q: How does one guide one's people? How does one guide their understanding of an issue or their opinions? How do they learn to come to see Israelis as potentially good neighbours one day?

A: The Normandy celebrations or commemorations were held. We recall that German participation was not evident. I would imagine then that next year when (next D-day) victory in Japan is held with Japanese participation not to be evident. And we ask ourselves sometimes the question, why is our Western interlocutor is so keen to see us appearing to express friendship towards each other when obviously both Israelis and Arabs, Israelis and Jordanians, have lost and sacrificed a great deal over decades. So I think that the psychological healing process is a long-term pro-

Q: There is a perception that since the Gulf war, Jordan has been able to some extent to communicate its view of the world, its view of regional politics to the White House. to the State Department, but the Congress remains bitter about Jordan's sitting on the fence during the Gulf war. I want to ask you about your

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observations on how

Summit caps a week of accelerated events

By P.V. Vivekanand with agency dispatches AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein meets Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the White House today, marking a dramatic turn in the 33-month-old Middle East peace process and capping a week of accelerated moves in the Jordanian-Israeli track of negotiations.

The summit, hosted by U.S. President Bill Clinton, is not expected to include a signing of any peace agree-ment, but signals the begin-ning of an end to 46 years of conflict between Jordan and Israel after the two sides negotiate a settlement to border and water disputes.

Jordanian officials say that the King and Mr. Rabin, who are also scheduled to address the U.S. legislature on Tuesday he believed Monday's day, will issue a joint stategroundbreaking Israeliment declaring an end to the state of "belligerency" between the Kingdom and

Israel. They will also endorse a U.S. drafted master plan finalised by negotiators for developing the Jordan Rift

The King and Her Majesty Queen Noor, accompanied by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and senior officials as well as a large delegation including journalists, arrived in Washington early Saturday.

Mr. Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, also accompanied by their wives, arrived Monday morning. On his departure to

Washington, Mr. Peres said he expected Jordan and Israel to sign a peace agreement in a few months time. But Jordanian officials have said that a peace accord would follow only after the border and water disputes are settled with concrete pointby-point agreements and that full peace between Jordan and Israel could come only as part of a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict Asked on board the plane

taking the two Israeli leaders to Washington when he expected Israel and Jordan to sign a peace treaty, Mr. Peres replied: "I think it is a matter of a few months,"

Mr. Peres, who last Wednesday became the first Israeli léader to visit Jordan publicly, said: "I do not want to commit to an exact date but the process is on its way and it will be very difficult to delay it."

Jordan and Israel on Tuesday ended two days of negotiations on borders, water sharing and security along their common ceasefire line, the first such discussions held

in the region. Israel and Jordan also made a real breakthrough in their bilateral talks when Israel recognised for the first time publicly Jordan's rights to one of the region's most precious commodities - wa-

The issue of water-sharing has been one of the most bitterly disputed in the history of the animosity between the two countries.

The main issues before the two countries are territory and water.

Jordan wants Israel to return about 382 square kilometres of border land taken after the 1948 and 1967 wars. The two sides have agreed to start detailed talks on Aug. 8 to determine the precise line of the border. Work has already started on aerial photography and pre-

Only four kilometres of the common border today are accepted as such by both

Jordan wants its rightful share of the region's scarce water supplies. It accuses Israel of taking more than its share of the Yarmouk River and all of the Jordan River water that should be divided

between Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians. Responding coolly to the Jordanian demands, Israel has been pressing for a quick

peace treaty. Jordan has resisted the move, insisting that all outstanding issues must be resolved before that final step, although it is open for lesser

Prime Minister Majali said his landmark meeting Wednesday with Mr. Peres at a Jordanian hotel on the Dead Sea should be followed by "permanent and compre-hensive peace." He said Jordan looked forward to a new era "in which peace and prosperity will reign."

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced after the Dead Sea talks last week that the U.S.-Jordan-Israel trilateral economic committee had decided on a survey for a road

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Deputies, activists back peace move

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Court on Sunday received cables of support from representatives of the various sectors addressed to His Majesty King Hussein and reaffirming support for King Hussein's efforts to defend Jordan's higher interests, achieve a just, comprehensive and durable peace and ensure Jordan's sovereignty

over its territories and wa-Secretary General of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU) Khalid Shreim told Petra:

"I have sense that both The delicate present cir-Prime Minister Rabin and cumstances and the current President Assad have a detereconomic and social condimination to go ahead here ... tions entail that regional I think there's the prospect of issues and problems be some progress there," he addressed in an open-minded and rational manner.

"Turning Jordan into a strong state and a homeland for all Arabs, ensuring national unity and enhancing the Jordanian institutions capability to cope with the latest developments and changes are among the major ' preoccupations of trade unions," he said.

ited States aims at helping

Deputy Ibrahim Shihdeh said the king's visit to the U.S. takes place in the context of Jordan's reaffirmation of its principled stands, its Arab parties involved.

Jamous said Jordan could have restored its rights since 1967 and 1977 but it prefer-Arab action and the quest. However, he added, it had

the firm principles. Mr. Abu Jamous said the which stresses Jordan's national rights to boundaries, water, environment, secur-

Deputy Abdul Maguid Al Azzam said the King's visit to the U.S. aims at achieving a inst and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and ending the nowar and no-peace state which has exhausted the region's economic powers.

Secretary-General of the Progress and Justice Party Ali Farid Al Sa'd said: "The battle for peace requires the mobilisation of efforts of all officials under the Hashemite leadership to discuss details of the agenda for peace." Mujhem Khreisha, secret-

ary general of the Jordanian (Continued on page 7)



Mubarak meets Assad to nudge Israel-Syria talks

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak visited Damascus on Sunday for several hours of talks with President Hafez Al Assad to mediate stalled peace talks between Syria

The first meeting was ttended by members of Mr. Mubarak's delegation and senior Assad aides, Syria's prime minister and foreign minister, while the second round was closed, according to the president's spokesman. The two sides discussed regional and bilateral subjects and the Arab-Israeli peace process during their liscussions, said spokesman

Jibran Kourieh. Mr. Mubarak left after lightfall and was seen off at the airport by Mr. Assad and other Syrian officials.

Mr. Mubarak's trip followed U.S. Secretray of State Warren Christopher's visit riday to Damascus on the last leg of a Middle East tour partly aimed at reviving the yrian-Israeli dialogue after a IVe-month hiatus.

Mr. Christopher returned to Washington without any agreement between Israel and Syria to resume negotiations over the Golan Heights and terms of peace treaty. Egypt has been mediating in negotiations between the Jewish state and other Arab

States as well as the Palestine

Liberation Organisation.

day with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Cairo and was expected to brief Mr. Assad on that meet-

After the Mubarak-Peres meeting, Egyptian Foreign' Minister Amr Musa, who also attended, told reporters in Cairo that "there can be no comprehensive peace without (the Syrian-Israeli) track being successful."

But Mr. Peres told reporters on a plane taking him to Washington for Monday's historic summit between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein that he did not expect Syria and Israel to reach an agreement in the coming weeks.

"I think the Syrians, while they don't want to be left outside the circle of peace, do not want to be part of the Jordanian and Palestinian limelight," Mr. Peres said.

Mr. Christopher told reporters on his plane on the way home that Israel and Syria had moved beyond psychological testing" of each other.

He said they were well into concrete details of an accord on an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, and that he had promised to return in early August to give a fresh boost to the indirect talks. Syrian officials said Mr.

Assad had expressed readi-

ness to discuss steps that

might break the deadlock but they gave no details.

Israel has offered a staged

withdrawal from the Golan over eight years in return for full normal ties with Damascus, but Syria has said withdrawal should precede discussion of future ties. Mr. Christopher said Sun-

Jordanian summit at the White House could foreshadow progress in peace negotiations between Israel and "I think there's a historical moment there for Syria and Israel, and I think that they can see on the horizon some

of the kind of progress that's been made on the other tracks," Mr. Christopher "(Israel and Syria) are talking to each other more seriously, more substantively than ever before," he said on

ABC-TV's "this week with

David Brinkley." Mr. Christopher termed the Israel-Syrian talks "probably the toughest negotiations of all" those begun at a peace conference sponsored by the United States and Russia in 1991.

Deputy Hani Hijazin described King Hussein's vision of the future as clear and comprehensive. The King's visit to the Un-

Jordan regain its occupied territories and sovereignty over Jerusalem, demarcate boundaries; restore Jordan's waters requests and solve the refugees and displaced persons' problem.

belief in the Arab unity, the importance of collective Arab action and harmony between the performance of the Deputy Hammad Abu

red to adhere to collective for a comprehensive solution. become apparent Jordan was the only country to cling to

King's U.S. visit "derives extreme importance since he enjoys the support and backing of his own people and international legitimacy

For Palestinians, Algerian group offers to the stop killing foreigners demand little to do in labour ministry

GAZA CITY (AP) — Outside the bare offices of the Palestinian authority's labour ministry, hundreds of workers jostled on Saturday for a peek at the list of available jobs — in Israel.

"Anyone with a pass to Israel is guaranteed of entering paradise," said 28-yearold mechanic Sufian Ghanem, elated after learning that as of Sunday he will be allowed to work in a construction site in the coastal Israeli town of Ashdod.

A day earlier Israel lifted a weeklong closure of the strip, and had sent 153 new permits for workers whose access to Israel has been approved.

The ministry's reliance on Israel to provide the permits highlighted a bitter irony darkening the early going of the self-rule: The Israeli occupiers may be out of Gaza, but many Palestinians want nothing more than access to jobs in Israel.

The self-rule government is mainly a conduit in this process, and it has otherwise posted little economic good

Construction worker Jalal Dalul was disappointed.

Every day I come here to check for my name, and every day I return empty-handed," he said, waiting to registered as unemployed.

With unemployment estimated at 60 per cent among Gaza's 850,000 Palestinians and only some . 25,000 allowed into Israel, Mr. Dalul's fate was the more

Inside the decrepit offices, officials were left with little to do but let the unemployed workers' registration forms pile up on tables of rotting wood

With no tax collection sys-

tem, few development plans and international aid still being held up, unemployment compensation or job placement is a distant dream. Expectations among Palestinians were raised after the Sept. 13 Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace accord by pledges of more than \$2 bil-

ments in infrastructure. But little has changed on

lion in aid over five years and

talk of massive foreign invest-

is being held up by the Palestinians inability — or unwillingness — to meet Western donors' strict accounting criteria for how

they spend the aid.
"We do not have a prescription in hand to cure the (economic) illness in a day and a night," said Economy Minister Ahmad Qouriea in an interview with the Associated Press. He said the government needed time.

But many of his own officials are losing patience.
"It is chaos," said Abdul
Qader Ashqar, director of Gaza's labour office. "We have no papers, no compu-

ters and no instructions." "We have wasted more than two months," said Samir Holeileh, deputy director of PECDAR, the body set up to administer economic aid.

"Our ministers do not know what to do. They have not set up structures for ministries. They made no laws, they collected no taxes," he said.

Frustration among Gazans boiled over last Sunday, when hundreds of workers denied access to Israel protested at the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel. In the melee, two Palestinians were killed and dozens of

Arabs and Israelis wounded Palestinian and Israeli troops at one point ex-changed fire, violating a basic tenet of their peace accord.
A stunned Israel sealed off

the strip for six days - a popular move among Israelis who fear some of the Palestinian workers may carry out attacks inside Israel.

Okay for bank

Israel on Sunday granted Jordan's Gulf Bank permission to operate in the West Bank, officials said Sunday. Bank Chairman Zuhair Awartani said the bank would begin operating on

Monday. Mr. Awartani said the bank, whose first branch will be in Nablus, hoped to help the Palestinians build up their economy as their move from Israeli occupation to self-

Only the Gaza Strip and the West Bank's Jericho area the ground. Much of the aid have gamed autonomy so far.

ALGIERS (AFP) — Algeria's most feared Armed Islamic Group has offered to call a halt to the killing of foreigners if the authorities free one of its main leaders, a Yemeni envoy kidnapped by the group said after his re-

Ali Askar, Yemen's ambassador to Algeria, said the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) made the offer to Algeria's military-backed authorities in a meassage handed to him and another freed diplomat, Omani Ambassa-dor Hillal Al Siyabi, when the kidnappers let them go

Friday.
"The letter says precisely that the armed groups are prepared to stop the campaign of assassinating foreigners if the leadership liberates Abdul Hak Layada,' Mr. Askar said in an interview with El Watan newspap-

er published Sunday.
"We have transmitted this message to the Algerian authorities," he added.

Mr. Layada, one of the founders of the GIA, was arrested in Morocco in June 1993 and turned over to Algerian police. He was sentenced to death 15 by one of Algeria's three special courts set up to try suspected Islamic militants.

Mr. Askar said his kidnappers belonged to the GIA, most radical of the armed Islamic groups trying to topple Algeria's militarybacked, secular government. It was the GIA who kidnapped three employees of the French consulate general in Algeria last October and held them for a week.

Algerian security forces said Friday they had "found" the diplomats and two other people kidnapped with them on July 15 in the Islamic stronghold of Khemis Al Kechna, east of Algiers.

But Mr. Askar said the kidnappers had released them voluntarily. "They left us near the Ben Aknoun zoo (in Algiers) and

loaned us a vehicle to go home," he told the paper.
The other two kidnapped people were their Moroccan chauffeur and Mohammad Qassem Al Thour, a member of the Yemeni Socialist Party's politburo.

Mr. Askar said the kidnappers, about 10 people, initially mistook them for police when they seized the four near the Hamiz dam at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. a region reputedly under control of armed fundamental-

The London-based Arabic newspaper Al Hayat, which interviewed Mr. Askar by telephone, quoted him as saying that their abduction was mostly an accident and unplanned. The extremists were suspicious of seeing a strange car in their neigh-bourhood and stopped it.

demands **Baghdad** explanation

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran has demanded an ex-planation from Iraq about the cause of an accident which killed the son of a revered Shiite Muslim leader in Iraq, Iranian state radio said Sun-

The foreign ministry summoned Iraqi Charge d'Affaires in Tehran, Hekmat Abed Khozeir Al Dulaimy and demanded an explanation concerning the death of Sayyed Mohammad Taghi Al Khoei in a road accident, the radio said.

Khoei, son of the late Iranian-born Ayatollah Abul Oassem Al Khoei, died with th ree others when their car was hit by a lorry late Thursday on the road linking the Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf.

The Iranian report said the foreign ministry "demanded punishment of those responsible for the tragic inci-

It said the Iraqi diplomat responded by promising to convey Iran's concern to the

Baghdad government • Tehran Radio said the Foreign Ministry also protested Iraqi authorities' restrictions on bereaved family members attending Khoei's

'Saudis helped Iraq develop nuclear arms'

LONDON (AFP) — Saudi Arabia helped the Iraqi reg-ime of President Saddam Hussein to finance the development of nuclear weapons, Britain's Sunday Times reported.

Naming its source as Mohammad Abdullah Al Khilewi, a Saudi diplomat who has reportedly defected and sought asylum in the United States, the paper said Riyadh gave Baghdad financial aid worth \$5 billion under secret agreement.

In return, the Iraqis agreed to share their nuclear technology with the Saudis. The paper said negotiations to that effect began in 1985, when Iraq was embroiled in a drawn-out war with Iran, and only stopped with the 1991 Gulf war after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Saudis had started up a programme as early as 1975 to build the atomic bomb, opening a secret research centre in 1975 in a military complex near Al Suleiyah.

The paper said it has seen the minutes of secret meetings between military officials from both Saudi Arabia and Knwait in the desert in 1989, just a year before Iraq marched into Kuwait, proving Riyadh's financing of Baghdad's nuclear programme.

The Sunday Times says the documents show the Saudis provided Iraq with specialised equipment it could not obtain on its own.

Mr. Khilewi said last month he had written a letter on May 17 to Crown Prince Abdullah and other ranking Saudi officials to express his opposition to the regime, after unearthing secret documents showing hard evidence of serious human rights violations in Saudi Arabia.

The former diplomat, who is listed by the United Nations as first secretary to the Saudi U.N. mission, said the country's secret services had made threats on his and his family's lives after he sent the

The :Sunday, Times said U.S. secret services warned Mr. Khilewi last Friday that attempts were under way to kidnap and repatriate him. Mr. Khilewi further said he

is in possession of some 13,000 documents showing the existence of a treaty signed by the Saudi lead-ership in 1970 with Pakistan assuring Riyadh of Islamabad's protection if the Saudis were attacked by a nuclear power. Pakistan itself has the bomb.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two Americans reported killed in Aden

ADEN (AP) — Two American men Sunday were reported killed on the outskirts of this war-ravaged city when their vehicle hit a mine left over from a two-month civil war. They would be the first known war-related casualties among foreigners, thousands of whom were evacuated after north-south hostilities broke out on May 4. Military sources in this southern port city that bore the brunt of the victorious northern onslaught said the accident occurred Friday two kilometres outside the suburb of Dar Saad. The sources said the mine had been planted during the conflict by southern troops retreating into their besieged stronghold here, which fell on July 7. They gave no further details.

Kuwait scientist wants research published

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait is excessively secretive about Gulf war damage to the environment and should publish studies on this topic in the interests of public health, a Kuwaiti scientist said in remarks published on Sunday. "Unfortunately, research results are not accessible to people living within Kuwait's borders," the Englishlanguage Arab Times quoted Yousef Al Sultan, assistant director general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), as saying. The pollution issue ... is the classic example. Three years after the oil well fires and the formation of oil lakes in the desert the institutions concerned have not told the people the complete story of the impact on their lives." Mr. Sultan said.

Israel says Hizbollah 'spy' kidnapped

TEL AVIV (AFP) — A Lebanese man snatched by Israeli paratroopers was a pro-Iranian Hizbollah activist who took part in or coordinated attacks on Israel, military sources said Sunday. Qassem Rihan was captured Friday night just north of the "security zone" Israel occupies in southern Lebanon. The Israeli army announced only that Mr. Rihan "assisted Hizbollah in attacks against Israel." The sources said he observed and reported movements of the Israelis and their South Lebanon Army militia, but was considered only a minor operative.

Iran slams West over rebel rallies

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq Nuri blasted Western countries on Sunday for allowing an Iranian opposition group to hold demonstra-tions in their capitals. Mr. Nategh Nuri singled out France, Italy and Britain, but also criticised other Western countries for their "act of support" for the Mujahedeen, the main Iranian armed opposition group. "These so-called defenders of human rights turn a blind eye to the crimes perpetrated by the criminal terrorists and allow them to organise rallies and make speeches," he told parliament. Thousands of Mujahedeen followers marched through Western capitals including Paris Saturday denouncing the Iranian government and demanding a restoration of democracy in Iran.

Iran warns against Pakistan 'ethnic war'

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq Nuri on Sunday strongly condemned an attack on Shiite Muslims travelling by bus in Pakistan and urged Islamabad to stop the "savagery." Mr. Nateq Nuri warned against an "ethnic war" in Pakistan and called on the authorities to "fight against the religious extremists," in a speech to the Iranian parliament. He was referring to the Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP), a pro-Saudi Sunni Muslim group based in Pakistan. This terrorist group weakens the pillars of your government and could risk provoking an ethnic war in Pakistan," he said, addressing Pakistani

friends cause concerns to West

Yemen's .

SANÁA (R) - Yemen, strapped for cash and seeking aid to recover from its two month civil war, is being wooed by some countries anxious to increase their regional influence, Western diplomats say.

Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Iran have all sent high profile political or humanitarian teams to Sanaa to pledge their support to Yemen in the two weeks since northern Yemeni forces crushed a southern attempt at seces-

"There is a lot of Western concern about some of these visits. They are clearly here as a political gesture," one,

diplomat said.

An Iranian delegation led by Deputy Minister Hussein Sheikholeslam met Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh this week and Yemen Television reported a planeload of 40 tonnes of medical supplies arrived in Sanaa on Friday.

"We think we can offer long-term help here," said Parviz Vazirian, an Iranian Health Ministry official heading a team of doctors visiting Yemen.

"Last year we set up a clinic in Sanaa. We are going to expand it into a hospital and set up immunisation programmes. There could be other projects," he said. -

Other doctors said their visit was concentrating of long term help to northernareas of the country, rather relieving the effects of war in the south.

Diplomats say Iran also. supplied petrol to northern, Yemen during the war when fighting interrupted its sup-

Other medical delegations, have been sent from Iraq and Libya, and the speaker of Sudah's parliament arrived in Sanaa for talks with Mr. Saleh just days after the civil war ended.

Yemen's immediate Gulf neighbours criticised the crushing by force of the selfdeclared southern breakaway state. Sanaa in turn accused rich Gulf Arab states of fund ing the secessionists.

In the wake of victory by government forces. Yemen announced that improving ties with Gulf countries was a top priority.

The Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates have sent delegations to Sanaa this week, but there has been no public reaction from Saudi Arabia, where some of the southern leaders are still taking refuge.

"Unless they change their policy towards Yemen, the Saudis could find themselves surrounded by hostile states - Iraq to the north, Yemen to the south and Sudan to the west," one diplomat said. "In the long term, it might

be better for them to patch up their differences with Sanaa.` The Oman News Agency reported the arrival in Mus-

cat of Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani on Saturday and said he would meet Oman's Sultan Qaboos during his visit, expected to last a few days. Yemen is keen to strengthen ties between the two countries and develop them for the better," Radio quoted Mr. Abdul Ghani as saying before he left Sалаа.

Arafat is home to face mammoth responsibility for people

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

When Yasser Arafat returned to Gaza last month for the first time most Palestinians in the occupied territories saw no more of him than the tip of his checkered black and white kultiveh. After 27 years of exile Mr. Arafat the revolutionary, the symbol. had finally come home.

With a hoarse voice and tempered words, the man, who for decades had promised the return of the Palestinian people to their homeland and who had worked to evict the Zionists from Palestine, came back and spoke of neither a return of all Palestinians nor an eviction of the Zionists. While most Palestinians the world over have viewed him as their leader for better or for worse, his return highlighted the never-ending. Palestinian quest for lead-

After three decades of

through wars and resistance, Mr. Ārafat has also built a considerable infrastructure of a government in exile.

Schools and hospitals, welfare institutions as well as documentation centres. Most were based in Jordan and Lehanon, but now most are closing down after the PLO suffered a severe financial squeeze crisis following the Gulf war.

Critics, like Palestinian-American scholar Edward Said, say the money was squandered by corrupt aids and Israeli moles inside the PLO. They say that a Palestinian leader is accountable to his people both in exile and at

As Mr. Arafat leaves the Palestinians in the diaspora behind to fend for themselves he is faced with facts on the ground the likes which he has never had to face before. He says that ruling Gaza will be "no problem" since he ruled

leading the Palestinians' Lebanon for 10 years. But in Palestine," explained advimany Palestinians inside the occupied territories and outside believe otherwise.

Mr. Arafat, they say, will have to earn his leadership title in full or lose it altogether. Respected Palestinian leader from Gaza Haidar Abdul Shafi spoke of him, during a seminar held in Amman last month, simply as Yasser Arafat. In an audience of several hundred only one person referred to Arafat as president.

The title that Mr. Arafat will carry, despite or in spite of the Israeli-PLO agreement or the respects accorded to him by foreign heads of state will ultimately be that that his people will bestow on him. Legislative elections, say Palestinians in the occupied territories, will decide both

their fate and that of Mr. Arafat. "To us, he is al rais. (the president) because we consider our nation to be a state

sor to the Palestinian negotiating committee Huda who works at the Jerusalem-based Orient House. "He is our leader and the leader of a state is a president or prime minister and thus he is our president," she explained.

"He will be president when we elect him to that post" counters Nasser Abu Eid, a Gazan mechanic, who spent seven years in Israeli jails for resisting occupation. "He is our leader but he must carn his credintials now that he is here - we do not want another Arab leader who just declares himself the chief of his Indians." adds Abu Eid

Mr. Abu Eid is a Fateh loyalist who says that in the first legislative elections he will vote for Mr. Arafat as president. "Elections are about more" than just a title or form," says

Hassan Barghouti, a union

activist from Ramallah.

tability of a leadership to its people. Mr. Arafat will be held accountable for everything, from the government he is appointing to the laws that his government passes." Mr. Barghouti was one of the first Palestinians to lead

"Elections are about accoun-

an organised strike by hotel employees for higher wages and health care three years ago. His action, that he describes as a "social rebel-lion", angered Fateh officials in the occupied territories at the time. Like most political activists Mr. Barghouti spent years, both in jail and under house arrest for his activism.

"In Palestine I hope we can be free of oppressive measure of the occupation and the dictatorial ways of the Arab regimes," he says. "Arafat's time," says Mr. Barghouti, may be ending; he probably won't be able to cope with the degree of pluralism that has developed in Palestinian society under occupation; we

have changed. We resent authority as a concept and this will be the governments greatest problem. Mr. Barghouti won't be

voting for Arafat if given the chance to vote, but he will accept the majority choice and work within the system for change. "We have worked too hard and suffered too much not to

give this a chance. We can't wait for the Israelis to leave so we can rebuild our lives. With or without Arafat, it really makes no difference, independence is the first step to our goals - not the last. The youth of Gaza and Jericho saw Mr. Arafat's

home-coming like that of a "father" who had been exiled during their infancy. "We have been waiting all our lives for this glimpse." shouted a young Jericho man, pushing aside guards during Mr. Arafat's speech at the bus station in Jericho in

liked the symbol Arafat not all are certain what the leader Arafat can do for them. Hundreds of youths lined up next to Mr. Arafat's residence in Gaza demanding jobs which he cannot yet provide less than two weeks after, settling in at the coast city. The expulsion upon the

But it was evident that

while many Palestinians have

request of the Israeli government, of four military commanders that accompanied Mr. Arafat upon his July return to Gaza from Egypt only underlined the fact that he still was not the lord of the land.

While Palestinians in the occupied territories and the diaspora are watching for the signs of leadership, many see

"He takes his orders from the Israelis, what self-rule? What president," shouted Um Khalil, an onion seller at the Baqa'a refugee camp outside Amman.

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territory and water resources within the framework of a

group and Turkish Ambassador to Jordan Mehmet Ali Irtemcelik (Petra

comprehensive peace. The delegation was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the

Regent, on Saturday. The five-member Turkish delegation also met Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan Sunday to review developments in the peace process and bilateral

Importers to pay token fees for Lloyds Register presence

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — Jordanian importers will pay around JD 1 per every tonne of goods coming to them through the port of Aqaba as the cost of land-based verification of Jordan's adherence to the international sanctions against Iraq, informed sources said Sun-

Separate tariffs are set for different kinds of cargo depending on the nature of packing, whether containerised or bulk cargo, and key items such as foodstuffs, medicine etc. are exempt from paying the

charge, the sources said. The levy will go to pay for the cost of the presence of Lloyds Register surveyors at Aqaba under an agreement signed here last week between the Ports Corporation and the London-based international organisation.

"It will be an average JD per tonne under a set of tariffs drawn up by the Ports Corporation and the Jordan Shipping Agents Association (JSAA) and sent to the government for approval" one source told the Jordan Times.

However, the per-tonne levy will apply only to general cargo while the charge for containerised cargo will be around an average of JD 25 per 20foot container which normally holds around 18 tonnes, the source added.

since they have to be approved by the govern-

However, the "verification" fees are a far cry from the hundreds of dollars that shipowners charge extra for Jordan-bound cargo to make up for the potential delays caused by the offshore inspections by American warships, \$50 each 20-foot container, \$1,000 per 40-foot container and \$15 per tonne of

loose cargo. According to the sources, the Ports Corpora-tion will remit the collected levy to a special U.N. escrow account directly under the control of the secretariat, which will then pay Lloyds Register.

"Thes arrangement will help Jordan establish a firm evidence of its payment, which it could claim from the U.N." through a special Gulf war reparation fund set up by the world body, the source said.

The sources said the U.N. was expected to issue a statement soon endorsing the concept of the landbased verification regime at Aqaba and the Jordan-Lloyds agreement after the Jordanian Cabinet

We are anxious to have as much formal background to the arrangement as possible," added another source, explaining that the offshore "interdictions" carried out by U.S.

tion of sanctions against Iraq in August 1990 did not "actually have a legal sta-

"But, with the changed situation now, it is essential that the land-based verification regime is formal and endorsed by all parties concerned" added the source. "This will preempt any move in the future to change the arrangement."

Washington, the most ardent advocate of continued sanctions against Iraq, is fully briefed on the various aspects of the Jordan-Lloyds arrangement and was directly or indirectly involved in the negotiations that led to the conclusion of the deal, the source said, adding: "The accord was actually deferred several times pending U.S. approval of its various provisions."

Two or three senior officials from Lloyds Register are expected here Tuesday to "scout the ground and set up the mechanisms for their work and logistics for their work," said another source. The surveying firm has already conducted preparatory work at Aqaba and have chalked out the proceedings of verification.

In essence, Lloyds Register representatives will be included in the regular teams that are formed by the Ports Corporation, the Customs Department and the concerned clearing inspect goods coming into Jordan as part of the Kingdom's regulations on im-

Along with the team, the surveyors, who are expected to begin their operations sometimes next month, will verify that the goods conform to the relevant invoices, bill of lading and other documents and make their reports to the United Nations Sanctions Committee.

"Beyond this observation, the Lloyds people will have no other role in the context of goods imported to Jordan," said an official, emphasising the world 'observation.'

"Jordan is under no sanctions and it is free to import whatever it wants," added the official.

Goods coming through Aqaba and destined for Iraq will be treated different. No Iraq-bound cargo except food and medicine will be allowed to leave the port of Aqaba without proper authorisation from the U.N. Sanctions Committee.

It was not immediately known when Washington would actually call off the warships now patrolling the Red Sea to enforce the sanctions against Iraq. But it is expected that some of the frigates will remain in the area for some time while others might move to the Gulf, closer to the Iraqi

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"It's an accord for a transiand the United Arab tion period not a declaration of independence," he noted. The failure of the international community to make good its pledges of aid dominated a meeting Saturday of the two-month-old Palestinian authority, Palestimian sources said.

Nabil Shaath, the minister of international cooperation in the Palestinian cabinet for the Gaza Strip and Jericho, told a news conference the meeting had discussed at length the obstacles to the promised delivery of international aid.

Visiting U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told Mr. Arafat here last Thursday he would do his utmost to accelerate the pay-

One of Mr. Christopher's team, Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs Joan Spero, stayed on in Gaza to work with the Palestinians to set up mechanisms and an agenda for speeding up aid payments," Mr. Shaath said. Dr. Shaath also said the question of Jerusalem had figured high on Saturday's

Authority member Faisal ence Friday in Arab East Jerusalem that Israel should mmediately enter into negotiations on the city's future

reflexing the effects of ag AMMAN (Petra) — Her be held in Beijing September the south Royal Highness Princess Bas- 1995 and to the nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) forum, which will be held on the sideline of the conference.

> will deliver the official report to the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) during a press conference to be held on July 31 at the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development

> (QAF). Mrs. Mongella praised Jor-dan's efforts towards the Beijing conference.
> The Princess, is a member

> of a United Nations advisory commission on the World Conference on Women, which consists of 12 international figures concerned with omen's issues. Princess Basma is currently

attending a roundtable conference on global social changes, in Stockholm.

The Princess who headed the working group on human

sustainable development high on the agenda of three international conferences to be held later this year and next

Princess Basma said she The first conference (on population) will be held in Cairo next month, the second on social development will be held in Copenhagen in March 1994 and the third is the

Beijing conference.
U.N. Secretary General
Boutros Ghali Saturday called on the roundtable to formilate new concepts and frameworks for international cooperation designed to achieve sustainable develop-

In a letter to the conference, Dr. Ghali said unemployment is a major cause of social tension and unrest and is a direct cause of poverty and community disintegra-

It also constitutes a real threat to political stability, Dr. Ghali said.

Brigham Young sign academic agreement University

AMMAN (JT) — Brigham Young University (BYU) of Provo, Utah in the U.S. and the University of Jordan Sunday signed an agreement of bilateral cooperation in academic, scientific and cultural fields.

Under the agreement, the two universities will work to establish ties of friendship and cooperation in order to promote mutual understanding and possible academic, cultural and personnel exchanges.

According to the agreement, the exchange of personnel could serve many purposes, including teaching, research, and the sharing of relevant expertise.

Exchanges may be from any branch of learning and the duration of each stay at the host institution can range from several days to one academic year, said the

agreement which was signed by Brigham Young University President Rex Lee and Jordan University President Fawzi Gharaibeh.

Group visits by BYU students to the University of Jordan campus will take place and will facilitate short and long-term study and research missions undertaken by BYU graduate students in Jordan, said the agreement.

In return, students who are graduates of University of Jordan and wishing to pursue graduate studies at BYU will receive careful consideration for admission, it added.

The two universities expressed added interest in promoting post doctoral fellowships and faculty exchange for short and long durations. They will consider sider developing an exchange of appropriate books and reconvening conferences and ference materials published other forms of academic actiby either of the two universi-



University of Jordan President Fawzi Lee Sunday sign an agreement on bilater-**Brigham Young University President Rex**

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The spirit of America through song and dance

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Among the columns of the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, the Brigham Young American Folk Dance ensemble on Saturday and Sunday nights filled the South Theatre with the spirit of American traditional music and dance.

The ensemble's 90minute showcase at the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts included various types of American folk dances such as Western Suite, Appalachian Patchwork, American Nostalgia and Smokey Mountain

Clogs.
The spirit of the American frontier awakened as Brigham Young University's (BYU's) troupe took the audience on a musical journey back in time to the 'Old West" and unfolded the history of America through dance.

Dressed in colourful costumes and backed by bluegrass band, the American folk dancers set a furious pace with the fast fiddling and fancy footwork of an Appalachian clog, western hoedown and ex-

hibition square dance.
"To join the dancing group, students must audition," said Rex Lee, president of the university. "We choose few of the many hundreds applying. There are no medium specifications, we judge them by their performance only," he said. "We have a 200-member club with different levels of teams doing different exercises, and as they get better in performance, they move up. For the summer touring team, we picked six top musicians, and 24

top dancers," said Mr. Lee. The students need to be versatile, he said adding that they have to learn how to perform different dances at one time whether American or other ethnic move-

Some dances tell the history of the dances in America since the early 1900's. The Charlestom, swing, tap dancing, the dances of the 60s reflect the big Californian beach style, and dances of the 80s and 90s



The Brigham Young University American Folk Dance Ensemble Sundav flaps to the Charleston of the 1920's at

the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

are called hip-hop and street dances. "Clogging is still evolv-g," Delynne Peay, the

artistic director and choreographer told the Jordan Times. The young people have taken an interest in the dance, although it is a traditional folkloric dance. Clogging was first born in the southeastern U.S. "where everyone clogs — father, mother and little kids," said Ms. Peay. The dance is a combination of English and Indian

steps, she said. "Clogging is a difficult dance, but once you have the know-how, it is a lot of fun," said Amy Coleman, a 21-year-old senior dancer in the troupe.

Explaining the traditions of some dances, Ms. Peay said that the hoedown is a dance done at a barn raising. When a new family comes to town and starts

building a house and barn, everyone hurries to help, she said. Women or young girls bring food baskets full of home-made delicacies. After the men finishes the barn, they all celebrate. As for the costumes, they

are "as authentic as possible, that is what people really wear," said Ms. Coleman. "American costumes are

very simple," said Ms. Peay. Their wardrobe consists of short dresses, bigfull skirts, big-full slip underneath, and colourful calico, she explained. The pioneers wear long dresses, and bloomers underneath, she added.

The dancers attend no formal courses about dancing, but the most frequently rehearse.

"For this tour, which included Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece and finally Jordan, we attended cultural clas-

ses. We studied the region in which all these countries are located to have some knowledge about the history of the area, its culture, its people and their traditions," said Ms. Coleman. The 6-member band plays on the banjo, which is the only traditional American musical instrument, the

harmonica, fiddle, guitar,

and the mandoline. The folk ensemble has earned an international reputation as one of America's finest folk dance groups. For two decades. the ensemble has performed at international folk festivals in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East as well as major concert halls, and for television broadcasts to all parts of

the world. There is something so vibrant in these young people that led one to go to sleep dancing.

WHAT'S **GOING ON**

JERASH FESTIVAL

* Shakespearian play "The Tempest" at the South

Artemis Theatre at 21:30.

☆ Concert by the Oriental Jordan University Folklore Troupe at the Sound and Light Theatre at 21:00. ☆ "Laila and Wolf" play (Haya Centre) at the Sound and Light Theatre at 19:00.

PLAY

☆ Play in Arabic entitled "A Black Comedy" by Majd Al Qasas at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:30 p.m.

AAUG CONFERENCE

☆ Conference of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates entitled "The Arab World Preparing for the 21st Century" at the Royal Cultural Centre Monday's themes: "Arab Economic Security and the Emerging Global Patterns" and "Arab Political Security and New Global Realities."

LECTURES

★ Lecture in Arabic entitled "Water Sources and Their Effect on Human Habitation in Jordan" by Mr. Ahmad Al Shraydeh at the Friends of Archaeology Centre at 6:00 p.m.

 ★ Lecture in Arabic entitled "The World Secret Associations" by Dr. Abdul Wahab Al Masiri at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at 6:00 p.m.

The Shahin and Abu Zayyad families of Bethany, Palestine mourn the early and sudden death of their beloved nephew and

Ali Ali Abu Rish

in Bethany at age of 46, son of the late Ali Abu Rish and Nafisa Shahin, husband to Hala Erekat and father to Amer, Nasser. Sharouk, Assem, Ahmad and Assad May his soul rest in peace.

MARKET PRICE Minister urges restoration of ancient wells in Madaba

Irsheidat Sunday inspected wells used during ancient times in the Madaba area for water storage and urged local residents to restore the wells and ancient dams in order to collect rain water during the

Accompanied by Qusai Oteishat, secretary general of the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), the minister exammed wells unearthed by a team of archaeologists from Andrews University in the

MADABA (Petra) — Water United States. He was and Irrigation Minister Saleh briefed by the excavators at the site on the method used to collect rain water thousands of years ago.

> The minister said there is a need for these wells, which are great in number in the Madaba district, to be cleaned and readied to collect the rain water of the coming

Madaba residents can also

contribute to solving the wa-

ter shortage problem in their

district and in Jordan at large

home should have its own water well, said the minister, the majority of homeowners prefer to pay a fine for violat-

their homes to collect rain water. He said this water can be used for household and commercial irrigation. Despite regulations by the municipalities that each

ing the regulations rather than dig the wells, which would save them much trouble during water shortage

Rwanda refugees start going home, many die in camps

GOMA, Zaire (R) - Rwan- ment soldiers and Hutu milidan refugees abandoned the hell camps of eastern Zaire in growing numbers on Sunday but of those who stayed, up to 1,500 were dying each day from disease or exhaustion, aid workers and Rwandan officials said.

U.S. military planes were set to make their first airdrops of food into the camps. The three planeloads will be just a drop in a morass of thirst, filth, hunger and dis-

"There are many people on the road. Yesterday more than 10,000 came across." Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) Lievtenant Peter Karage told Reuters at the fron-

On the Zairean side, hundreds of miserable, soiled Hutu refugees were slumped along the road leading up to the border post, closed by Zairean soldiers since Thurs-

The soldiers were still collecting up the tonnes of rifles, bullets, machetes and grenades abandoned by former Rwandan troops when they fled RPF forces 11 days ago along with about a million civilians.

Lt. Karage said most of the refugees, who have been urged by both the new RPFled government and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to return, were crossing through the

The UNHCR could not confirm the numbers but for several days aid officials said they had noticed trying to

The mainly Tutsi RPF won power in Kigali after a threemonth offensive but govern-

GUWAHATI, India (R) -

At least 40 people were

killed when tribal militants

attacked a relief camp in

India's northeastern Assam

state on Sunday, residents

more than 60 people have

died in the ethnic violence

The Assam government on Saturday said 21 people

were killed in ethnic clashes

in Barpeta district of the

state on July 19 and 20. It

said the dead included 10

violence early on Sunday

armed Bodo militants

mates at Bansbari relief

camp, some 160 kms east of

the state capital Guwahati.

people were killed and over

100 injured in Sunday's

clash as the militants fired

Residents said some 40

In a renewed spurt of

this week.

shot by police.

With Sunday's killings

tiamen massacred an estimated 500,000 people, mostly Tutsi and Hutu government opponents in that time.

At least 2.7 million refugees - more than a third of the population — fled across Rwanda's borders, spurred by broadcasts from the defeated government that said the would launch a campaign of revenge killings.
The UNHCR has told the

refugees it is safe to return. No massacres have been reported since the ousted regime fled into Zaire and the new RPF government set up last week has also urged the refugees to come home.

Hutu leaders held resonsible for the genocide are now ensconced in Goma tourist hotels after slipping through a French military "safe

"There's going to be a real struggle for the hearts and minds of these people between the old government and the new one," said UNHCR spokesman Ray Wilkinson.

Zaire's Deputy Prime Minister Kengo Wa Dondo was due to visit the frontier post and aid officials said this could signal a decision to

open the border again.
About 45,000 displaced Rwandans have flooded across from the French safe haven in southwest Rwanda back to their homes. French Lieutenant-Colonel Didier Bolelli told reporters.

RPF officer Karage said his forces were keeping people out of the border town of Gisenyi until they burned bodies in the streets to help avoid bringing a cholera pla-

At least 40 dead in Indian violence

indiscriminately after sur-rounding the camp. The

police gave no figure for the

number of casualties in the

The wounded were

brought to the Guwahati

Medical College Hospital in trucks and other vehicles.

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No other details were im-

A round-the-clock cur-

few imposed on Friday to

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Over 5,000 people fled their

villages for relief camps af-

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There has long been ten-

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tribesmen, many of whom support a tribal insurgency

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Bodo militants frequently

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Crowds of people scooped by the Zaireans and aid orga-

The refugees need 30 mil-

and disease-ridden camps queued at closed border (AFP photo) north of Goma.

day but Mr. Wilkinson said the aid groups were currently able to purify just 150,000

U.S. Army Major Guy Shields said two C-141 transport planes would land at Goma Airport on Sunday, bringing in the first U.S. water purification gear and forklift trucks to unload cargo. An airlift of an initial 1,293

tonnes of U.S.-donated rice and some cooking oil will also begin, Maj. Shields said. Three C-141s will drop

food supplies — possibly

If refugees strayed onto the airstrip, the drop would have to be aborted, Maj. Shields

Some of the U.N.'s requests - such as an urgent drilling of 60,000 latrines through, volcanic rock — have gone

"On sanitation there's been absolutely no response at all. We appeal to governments to come up with an offer," Maj. Wilkinson said. "The only thing working efficiently now is the burial of

Adams demands peace, Sinn Fein begins debate

LETTERKENNY, Ireland (AFP) — Sinn Fein demands a peaceful solution to the Northern Ireland conflict, the movement's leader Sunday told a special congress here called to debate a response to the Anglo-Irish Declaration on the province's future.

In his inaugural address to the long-awaifed congress. Gerry Adams, the president of the Irish Republican Army's (IRA) political wing. asserted: "Republicans want peace. We demand peace."

After seven months of prevarication, the party has promised a "definitive" answer to the key offer contained in the December declaration: to include Sinn Fein in talks on the future of Uister if the IRA honours a three-month ceasefire and renounces violence.

An answer is not expected before late Sunday evening. Speaking to around 800 party delegates in a hotel at this tourist town in the western Irish county of Donegal, Mr. Adams added: "By the end of today. I am confident that our collective efforts will have significantly contributed

to the peace process."

He praised what he called "the positive role" played by the Irish government over Sinn Fein demands for clarification of aspects of the declaration.

As the delegates of the Catholic Republican Party. which wants the British province to join Ireland in the south, convened, a strong police presence deployed outside the town just a few kilometres from the northern Irish border amid fears of an attack by pro-British Protestant paramilitaries.

On Saturday, Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds urged Sinn Fein to "seize an historic opportunity for peace" by approving the declaration and ending the sectarian conflict, which has killed more than 3,200 and wounded 37,000 since the British Army stepped in 25 years

ago.
But although Mr. Adams insisted Saturday that "we are in the final phase of the conflict," he has tried to stop expectations getting too high. saying Thursday he had not heard of any preparations for

Republicans have also indicated that although recent Anglo-Irish noises on Ulster has been "encouraging" they are not enough for Sinn Fein to convince the IRA to stop

its campaign.
Instead, they want to see London and Dublin adopt a formula which would put flesh on the declaration's principle of "national selfdetermination of the Irish people."

They also want assurances that the Government of Ireland Act partitioning the country, passed in 1920, will be at the centre of any future talks.

But analysts said the Republicans would be careful not to close any doors Sunday, and there might be more surprise short-term truces such as the one extended this

Easter. Whatever the outcome, the peace process is likely to remain in suspense for the moment. It will be the autumn before London and Dublin try to lure Ulster's political parties around the negotiating table with a follow-up

formula. And IRA violence is not likely to stop right away, even if it continues the recent trend of concentrating on "military" targets such as British Army soldiers, Ulster police and members of Pro-

testant loyalist gangs.

The loyalists, for their part, have issued a statement saying they would welcome an IRA ceasefire "positively"

Two climbers killed in avalanche

MOUNT HOOD, Ore. (AP) - Four climbers started an avalanche when they fell about 215-metres down a snowy glacier on Mount Hood Saturday, a witness said. Two were swept into a crevasse and killed. The four were climbing Eliot glacier at about 2.745 metres on the mountain's north side when the avalanche occurred in mid-afternoon. Rescuers reached them about five hours later, and airlifted two to University Hospital in Portland. The other two were killed, hospital spokeswoman Marlys Levin said. One of the survivors appeared to be in critical condition, the other's injuries were described as serious. "They were attempting to glissade, basically sliding on their butts, and started way too high," witness Andy Marker told KPTV in Portland. "That's 45 degrees up there, and with the snow conditions, they just out of control, tried to self-arrest, and, uh, it didn't work. They hit the rock band, cartwheeled over it, hit the snow right above the crevasse, stopped for a couple of seconds, then the avalanche that they had created with their momentum swept two of them into the crevasse. Mount Hood rises to an elevation of 3,427-metres. In 1986, seven students and two teachers died after they were caught in a blizzard on the mountain. Two others walked through the storm to seek help, and two teenagers survived the three-day ordeal in a hastily dug snow cave.

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Flood kills seven in northern Vietnam

HANOI (AFP) — A flood swept through a village in northern Vietnam leaving seven people dead or missing, Vietnam News Agency reported Sunday. The flood in the border province of Lai Chau also wiped out 30 houses and injured 24 people in Muong Lay village early Saturday, the report said. Much of northern Vietnam was hit by heavy rains last week that threatened thousands of hectares of rice fields. Floods in the south of the country this month wiped out around 20,000 hectares of crops and again threatened the rice harvest.

3 dead, 7 missing in Hong Kong landslides

HONG KONG (AFP) — Monsoon rains forced rescuers to abandon their search Sunday for seven people missing after a landslide on a Hong Kong housing estate which has already claimed three victims. The landslide, the result of some of the heaviest rain in Hong Kong this century, occurred in Kennedy town on Hong Kong Island on Saturday. Hong Kong deputy governor Anson Chan, visiting the disaster site Sunday, said: "I think, unfortunately, the chances of finding anybody still alive, buried under the mud, is probably very, very slim, and it's not, at the moment safe to continue the digging." Four public housing blocks standing on the affected slope have been evacuated, with 2,000 residents moving to emergency shelters. Heavy rain since Friday has wreaked havoc in Hong Kong, closing roads and forcing banks and businesses to shut. Flight into and out of Hong Kong airport have been delayed or cancelled. The torrential rain which has also caused widespread flooding and is expected to persist over the next couple of days. Over 100 mm of rain fell in one fourhour period early Sunday.

Elephant runs amok at Danish circus

COPENHAGEN (R) - An

hysterical elephant which ran amok at a circus, injuring two people and rampaging through a small town was finally put down by a veterinary surgeon, the national news agency Ritzau reported on Saturday. The 3.5 tonne elephant attacked its trainer in the ring of a circus at Nyborg in central Denmark on Friday night and trampled members of the audience, circus Benneweis said. After crashing out of the big top. the elephant - called Siam - seized a man with his trunk and lifted him into the air before rampaging through Nyborg's harbour area, it said. The elephant eventually returned of its own accord to join its three mates.



from crossing the border with Rwanda in Goma July 23. The French soldiers pledged to clean-up the

Many of the refugees, starved and exhausted after their stay in the camps and the walk to get to Zaire, are clearly too weak to make the journey home now.

'We're estimating, and this is very rough, that 1,200 to 1,500 are dying a day," Mr. Wilknson said

Most are dying of cholera, and workers from Medecins Sans Frontieres (doctors without borders) said the epidemic could bring down 80,000 people with the dis-

"The epidemic is worsening and is far, far out of our

claiming they are taking their tribal land. Last Octo-

ber, 60 Muslims were killed

and 30,000 made homeless.

migrant community in Bar-

peta arrived many years ago and held legitimate title to

One senior official said

tension between the Mus-

lims and Bodos started ris-

ing in Barpeta nine days

ago when a police party.

returning from investigating

the reported murders of

two Muslims, was

ambushed, apparently by

killed in the incident.

Seven policemen were

Police said the recent vio-

lence appeared to have

been triggered by Muslims.

They said 15 villages, 10 of

them belonging to Muslims and five to Bodos, were

Bodo militants.

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But police said the im-

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Corpses, wrapped in reed mat bundles or sprawled on the roadside, lay scattered all the way down to the shores of Lake Kivu which is still the source of most refugees' wa-

water into jerry cans, washed and swam in the lake. Many had walked 30 km from the black volcanic rock plains where they have been moved nisations.

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U.S. combat rations — at an airstrip called Katale just

Japanese Astronaut Chiaki Mukai (right) Robert Cabana listens. The shuttle's shuttle landed on KSC's runway 33 (AFP)

longest space flight ended with the safe describes her fist Shuttle flight July 23 at return of its crew of seven humans and Kennedy Space Centre as Commander thousands of small animals when the

Neo-Nazi skinheads rampage in Buchenwald death camp

ERFURT, Germany (R) Neo-Nazi skinheads rampaged through the Buchenwald World War II death camp in East Germany, throwing stones at buildings and threatening to burn a supervisor to death, police said on Sun-

day.

The rampage late on Saturday night came amid a spate of rightist violence that swept the eastern part of the country over the weekend.

Two of the 22 rightists, who shouted "sieg heil" and gave the stiff-arm Hitler salute as they charged through the former Nazi concentration camp in which 56,000 Jews were murdered during World War II, were initially detained by police.

One was held and the other released. The rest of the neo-Nazi group were allowed to go home pending police investigations, a spokesman said.

German officials recently announced plans to remodel the Buchenwald Museum to reflect post-war Soviet abuses and the 10,000 people who died there after the Nazis were defeated. About 20,000 of the con-

centration camp's inmates died making the V2 rocket, Hitler's "wonder weapon," in the Dora underground tunnel network, northwest of Buchenwald.

In Magdeburg, also in East Germany, police detained seven rightist youths on Saturday for singing banned Nazi songs.

Residents had complained after a gang chanting Nazi slogans and singing Nazi songs paraded through the streets.

Meanwhile in Ruhlsdorf near the eastern city of Eberswalde, police were investigating a group of 10 to 15 youths on suspicion of distributing banned Nazi said on Saturday.

Three Germans were jailed on Friday for up to 31/2 years for their role in riots in Magdeburg in May when far-right extremists smashed up a Turkish-owned cafe and hunted down foreigners in one of the worst outbreaks of neo-Nazi violence that has haunted Germany since unification in 1990.

Columbia home after record orbiting

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA hustled thousands of little animals off Columbia on Saturday after the shuttle's smooth sunrise landing concluded America's longest space flight in more than 20 years.

It was the end of the line for the two surviving adult newts — dissections were planned by researchers eager to see the anatomical effects of 15 days of weightless-

A longer, brighter future awaits the four guppylike Japanese medaka fish. They are headed back to Japan in a few weeks to live out their lives and mate to their hearts' content, under scientific scrutiny, as biologists look for any lingering effects of space

A one-day landing delay caused by offshore storms Friday gave Colombia and its crew of seven the U.S. space shuttle endurance record -14 days and nearly 18 hours for a trip of 9.82 million kilometres.

The previous record was 14 days, 13 minutes, set by another Columbia crew last

Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai became the world's female space-endurance champion. The all-time re-cords of 84 days on NASA's Skylab in 1973-74 and 366 days on Russia's Mir space station in 1987-88 are all held by men. Ms. Mukai, a little weak and wobbly from 15 days of weightlessness, described the trip as "a wonder-ful memory." The heart surgeon and first Japanese woman in space was applauded by dozens of Japanese when she walked into a press conference room and again when she left.

"Definitely, this is my best day." Ms. Mukai said, smiling.
"Excellent, excellent job,"
mission control told Commander Robert Cabana and his crew after Colombia's wheels came to a stop. "Your record of 15 days on orbit for the shuttle has brought us closer to the next giant leap for humankind, when we live permanently in space aboard

the international space sta-Besides biological experiments on the newts, meda-ka, six goldfish, 126 jelly-fish, 11,200 sea urchins, 180 toad eggs, 500 flies and mil-lions of cells, the mission featured metal melting, radiation monitoring, fluid analyses, plant growth and medical tests on the astronauts themselves. Scientists want to see how

the animals develop and behave in weightlessness so they can better understand how humans might adapt to much longer stays in space, such as on a trip to Mars. Two of the four adult newts carried by Columbia

died during the mission. But researchers awaited their arrival with as much anticipation as the live ones', maybe even more, to see what they could learn from their deaths. More than 200 scientists from around the world participated in the mission. All but one of the 82 experiments were accomplished.

The U.S. space agency's next shuttle mission, an earth-monitoring flight by En-deavour, is scheduled for

MOSCOW (AP) - It might seem that Russia has had enough battles and plenty of heros, villains and fools.

But Russian fans of English fantasy author J.R.R. Tolkien say they're just get-ting going. They gather by the dozens each week at twilight in a wooded park called Neskuchny Sad, or pleasure gardens, overlooking the Moscow River.

"We have no sources, few books. We're just starting out, like it probably was in America 20 or 30 years ago," said Konstantin Asmolov, a regular at the gatherings.
"We need dungeons and dragons humanitarian aid," he said, lamenting that the Tolkien-style fantasy game has yet to appear in Russian.

Many of the Tolkien devotees wear capes and dag-gers, and a handful in their teens and 20s lunge at each other with homemade swords and spears, slipping and sliding in the mud.

Other fans stand around the columns of an 18-century house comparing identities and insights into "The Hob-bit." "The Lord of the Rings" and other Tolkien

Only occasionally does the real world intrude — the

faraway sound of car horns on Lenin Prospect. Tolkien's imaginary uni-

verse. Middle Earth, inspires such dress-up games in many places, but he is a relatively recent obsession for Russians. The lord of the rings trilogy, published in the West in 1954-55, wasn't published in Russia until 1982.

There are a few groups of "Tolkienisti" in Moscow, cen-tred on Moscow State University. Many prefer to be called "Tolkienuti," which carries a hint of craziness.

The mostly young, longhaired, bookish group at Neskuchny Sad offers some

theories about why this brand of mythology-based fantasy has struck a chord. "A lot of people say it's

catching on here because life is so hard and people need to escape to a prettier life." said Andrei Kachanov, a lanky 16-year-old. "But for me it's just an interesting and wild

Asmolov said Russia is going through another time of troubles, a period of anarchy, famine and foreign invasion in the early 17th century.

"In times of troubles, a lot of charlatans appear and there's a desire for magic." he said. The crowd of dreamers in

the woods is also protesting against the Russian yuppie, said Asmolov, a postgraduate student in ancient warfare. He is an old-timer at the Neskuchny Sad gather-ing, having attended for about three years.

Two women leafing through a copy of "The Lord of the Rings" weren't interested in theorising.

"I don't know why people come here," said one, who wore a blue cape over her street clothes, an amulet and a gold ribbon around her forehead. "We're not people. We're hobbits."

Gastro-enteritis toli passes 400 in Indian state

NEW DELHI (R) - At least 427 people in India's Uttar Pradesh state have been killed by gastro-enteritis in less than a week, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. A committee has been set up to monitor the situation and senior health officials asked to visit the affected areas to help speed up the treatment and implement preventive measures. The news agency said the latest cases were reported from Allahabad, a Hindu holy city at the confluence of the Ganges and Jamuna rivers and nearby Varanasi. Deaths have also been reported in several other districts. "The disease appears to be acquiring epidemic proportions. It has to be checked without delay." the head of the region's health services Dr. K. S. Vershney told Reuters on Friday. Municipal officials said most of the deaths occurred in slums where clean drinking water is in short supply. They said monsoon rains had dislocated sewage systems and fresh water supplies in the cities and flood water had entered open wells in the villages. The incidence of water-borne diseases including stomach ailments such as gastro-enterities increases during the hot, humid monsoon season in many parts of India.

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NEW IN BRIEF

Quebec premier picks date for elections

MONTREAL (AFP) - Quebec provincial Premier Daniel Johnson has picked a date for elections expected to bring the separatist opposition Parti Quebecois to power, officials with his ruling Liberal Party said Saturday. But there was no immediate announcement of the date as many observers had expected. Surveys have shown Johnson's Liberal Party is likely to be beaten by the Parti Quebecois, led by Jacques Parizeau. Mr. Parizeau has pledged that if he takes the helm of provincial government, he will call a referendum on whether this predominantly French-speaking province should break away from Canada to become a sovereign state. Liberal Party of Quebec President Jacques Lamoreux said Johnson met with the party leadership here for the last time before launching the election campaign. Hours later, Mr. Johnson's office released a statement saying he would give a press conference Sunday at the national assembly in the provincial capital, Quebec City. Sources here and in Quebec City said Johnson will use the occasion to announce that elections will be held Sept. 12. Meanwhile, the Parti Quebecois kicked off its campaign at a Quebec City hotel rally that drew about 1,000 supporters. "We are ready," Mr. Parizeau told the crowd. "Mr. Johnson is scared." The Liberal Party, which has governed the province since 1985, currently has 78 of the assembly's 125 seats. The Parti

Indonesia to decide on Al Argam group

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia will decide this week whether to ban a controversial Islamic group whose activities have been outlawed in neighbouring Malaysia, Attorney General Singgih was quoted on Sunday as saying. Antara news agency quoted Mr. Singgih as saying the Al Arqam group's teachings would be evaluated. "If the group is banned, all its activities will become illegal." Some religious leaders want the Malaysia-based Al Arqam banned because of its teachings. Al Arqam members believe in the second coming of a holy man to lead Muslims to a new era in

Iranian sets fire to Japan embassy gate

TEHRAN (R) — A disgruntled Iranian poured paraffin outside the gate of the Japanese embassy in Tehran on Sunday, setting it on fire and causing slight damage, embassy sources said. They said the man, apparently upset because embassy officials would not handle his visa application as promptly as he wished earlier in the day, poured several litres of paraffin just outside the embassy gate and put a match to it. He then calmly left the neighbourhood in a taxi. The sources said the fire damaged the gate but the embassy would reopen to the public normally on Monday.

French air controllers strike

PARIS (AP) - Striking French air controllers disrupted vacations around Western Europe on Saturday, stranding travellers for hours in airports on one of the busiest days of the year. The strike by controllers at the Aix-en-Provence regional centre in southeastern France, a flyover point for many sunny destinations, grounded passengers heading to or from Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Italy, French Civil Aviation authorities expected the problems to worsen Sunday afternoon, when airports are normally chock full of people trying to get home for the new week. But Saturday's chaos was bad enough. Only 250 of 1,200 fligths normally handled at southeastern France's commercial airports were allowed to land or take off. Some charter flights were detoured from Marseille's airport to Paris, Toulouse or Genoa, Italy and their passengers taken to the Mediterranean port city by bus. More than 3,000 holidaymakers suffered delays at Ringway airport in Manchester, northern England, some for as long as five hours. Officials expected delays to grow. It was the first peak season weekend at the Manchester Airport, with 900 flights scheduled in and out - 100 of them to the Balearic islands off the Spanish coast, part of the strike-affected zone. Flights to and from Germany over southeastern France were on, average one hour behind schedule, for Switzerland two hours behind, and for Spain three hours, French Civil Aviation authorities said. The authorities reported that only half the international flights normally scheduled to fly over the zone could be guaranteed for the duration of the three-day strike, which ends at 11 p.m. (2100 GMT) Sunday. Domestically, half the flights to and from the southeast - Nice, Marseille, Toulon, Nimes, Avignon, Lyon, Corsica — were scrubbed. For the rest, airlines were providing bigger planes able to handle perhaps 60 per cent of all scheduled passengers. The air traffic controllers are demanding a bigger work force and better benefits. Talks with civil air authorities Friday ended without agreement. Summer air strikes are a tradition in France; the irritation caused French and foreign holidaymakers to pressure the government to settle.

Filippino crewmen safe after ship capsized

MIAMI (R) — Sixteen Filippino crewmen were rescued by a passing vessel after their freighter capsized south of Cuba in the Caribbean Sea Saturday, the U.S. Coast Guard said. The crewmen were picked up by another freighter, the container ship Cattleya Ace, from a motorised lifeboat about 80 km from the wreck site late Saturday, Petty Officer Alex Worden said. "Everybody's fine and they're being taken to Panama," Ms. Worden said. The Coast Guard received an emergency signal from the 122-metre ship Palawan Island about 5 a.m. EDT (0900 GMT) and followed the signal to the wreck site, about 402 kms south of Cuba. There was no indication what caused the freighter to capsize, Mr. Worden said. The ship had sailed from Mobile, Alabama, for the Caribbean Island of Aruba carrying 500 tonnes of wood, and began to take on water and then capsized amid 1.5 to three metre seas. "There was wood and debris all over," Mr. Worden said. According to a report from London from the Lloyd's Casualty Reporting Service, the 4,261-tonne vessel was built in 1980 and managed by the Pacific Caribbean Shipping Inc of San

Kennedys mark matriarch's 104 birthday

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP) — Surrounded by family, flowers and photographs, Rose Kennedy marked her 104th birthday with a quiet gathering Saturday in her white clapboard house by the sea. Mrs. Kennedy's birthday was Friday, but the family waited until Saturday to gather. Among those who had planned to attend were dozens of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Mrs. Kennedy's only surviving son, Edward M. Kennedy, a Democratic senator from Massachusetts. "The family is just going to have a private party for her," spokeswoman Melody Miller said. "At her advanced age, she just prefers her privacy." The mother of a president and two U.S. senators, Mrs. Kennedy has used a wheelchair to get around since suffering a stroke in 1984. She was briefly wheeled onto her porch Saturday afternoon. Party plans called for a cake decorated with roses, and a sing-along complete with piano player — in the house's main living room, Ms. Miller said. Atop the piano rest pictures of important events in Mrs. Kennedy's life, as well as wedding Portraits of her late daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Also pictured are her three sons: President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, both assassinated, and Joe Jr., a pilot killed during World War II.



Towers of a Hong Kong island housing estate risk collapse after a mudslide due to ongoing torrential rains weakened their foundations. The mudslide which occurred July 23, causing three to die, prompted the evacuation of some 2000 families from the endangered housing estate (AFP photo)

Experts start analysing comet impact images

WASHINGTON (AP) — ing in for at least the next month, 's said Eugene barding of Jupiter over, Shoemaker, a U.S. geologicbarding of Jupiter over, astronomers are starting in-tense study of thousands of images showing explosions, fireballs and black plumes of smoke-like debris in the cloud tops of the giant planet.

Scientists at a news conference Saturday said that there are photos from virtually every large observatory in the world taken during the 21-punch pounding of Jupiter by comet Shoemaker-Levy 9. "It's going to take quite a

while before we can put it all together," said Heidi Ham-mel, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher working with Hubble space telescope images. Even amateurs are playing an important role, taking pictures impossible for big tele-

scopes because Jupiter is moving closer to the sun. Scientists already are receiving pictures taken, from backyard telescopes. David Levy, co-discoverer

of the comet, urged amateurs to continue their work and to share observations with the

"The impact sites are easier to see in smaller tele-

scopes," he said. At least 18 impact sites have been identified across the southern face of the planet, but traces of the hits are beginning to merge and become more difficult to sort out, said Lucy McFadden, a University of Maryland astro-

"Amateur observers can help us keep track of what impact site is where," she

The experts also said that though the major, known fragments of the comet have already hit, there still may be more Jupiter-bashing. In the wake of the comet, a wispy cloud of debris is now casca-

ding into the planet.
"The trailing wing is still coming in and it will be com-

al survey scientist and a codiscoverer of the comet. Hidden in the cloud could be large, unseen fragments that could still smash Jupiter. Black smudges above Jupi-

ter's cloud tops left by the comet impacts are beginning to lose their sharp shape as they interact with the planet's weather. Astronomers are following their dissipation carefully as tracers of the Jovian wind patterns. Despite the winds, however, the black patch left by fragment A, the first to hit, can still be

seen clearly.

Melissa McGrath of the Space Telescope Science Institute said the newest spectral analyses of the smudges are picking up traces of mag-nesium, silicate and perhaps even iron. She said these may be the first analyses of material that made up the comet fragments.

Earlier, scientists found the spectral signatures for sulphur, hydrogen sulfide, ammonia and carbon disulfide, all thought to be from the planet.

Ms. McFadden said that there has been a report of one astronomer finding the chemical signature for helium, a gas that is present on Jupiter but which is usually hidden by clouds of other

Carolyn Shoemaker, a Lowell Observatory astro-nomer, wife of Eugene Shoemaker, and the first person actually to see an image of the comet in March 1993, said she felt some sadness at the end of the intense period

of action on Jupiter.
"We feel a little like proud parents because our comet lived up to the our expecta-tions," she said, just before heading home to Flagstaff, Ariz. "It's not our comet any more — it belongs to the world."

Shanghai's raw prawns — a deadly delight

SHANGHAI (R) - So strong is Shanghai's fetish for booze-bathed "drunken prawns" and other raw seafood that diners are ignoring a citywide ban on the dishes and the risk of a possibly fatal

The official Youth Post said the public were ignoring the ban, imposed to head off a repeat of the "hairy clam" epidemic of the late 1980s when tens of thousands of residents contracted hepatitis from the local shellfish and

many died.
"This newspaper advises the people of Shanghai stop eating raw seafood" the post warned in a banner headline.

"Many of the 'drunken prawns', 'drunken crabs'. 'drunken clams' and other uncooked seafoods that Shanghai people so love to eat carry disease-carrying

bacteria," it said. "Some of the diseases they spread are life-threatoning.

Drunken prawns is one of many popular dishes in which live shellfish are brought to diners' tables, ceremonially "drowned" in alcoholic spirits and quickly eaten - raw. Diners who mistakenly be-

lieve the alcohol can kill bacteria continue to pack restaurants serving the delica-City inspectors found that a staggering 95.5 per cent of

such dishes tested at 32 restaurants had levels of intestinal bacteria beyond safe standards, the paper said. "It doesn't matter what the

government bans, we've got anything and everything here," the paper quoted the manager of Lili Restaurant in Shanghai's free-market gourmet street.

Officials blame the contamination on soaring pollution levels in the Huangpu River and East China Sea. much of it attributed to raw sewage emissions from Shan-

Bosnian fighters keep up pressure

SARAJEVO (R) — Bosnia's fighters kept up pressure on key battlefronts on Sunday as the international community pondered its response to the Serbs' effective rejection of the latest peace plan to end 27 months of war.

The United Nations said three people were killed in a Serb artillery attack on the Muslim-held city of Tuzla in

northeastern Bosnia.

The Muslim-led Bosnian army responded by shelling the Serb-held town of Brcko to the north, U.N. military spokesman Commander Eric Chaperon said. Shelling was reported from

the northwestern enclave of Bihac, where Bosnian government troops are fighting Muslim rebels on one front and the Serbs on another. More than 500 artillery impacts were recorded over-

"The area remained active," Mr. Chaperon said.

The fighting ushered in a week during which the fivenation "contact group" which drew up the current peace plan for Bosnia is considering how to respond following the Serbs' refusal to give a clear "ves" to the proposal.

The Muslim-Croat alliance has grudgingly approved the plan, which gives them 51 per cent of Bosnia and the rest to the Serbs, who now hold more than 70 per cent.

Options to be considered by the contact group include tightening sanctions on Serbia, stepping up the military pressure on Bosnian Serbs and removing the arms embargo which has hampered the Muslim-led Bosnian army.

Foreign ministers of the contact group — the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany — are scheduled to meet next Saturday, July 30, to consider the Serbs' call for further negotiations on the peace plan.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said the Serbs would be punished if they failed to accept the plan by that date. "The response from the

Bosnian Serbs is disappointing. Their additional demands are delaying a peace settlement," Mr. Kinkel said in the southern city of Mostar, which was handed over to European Union control on Saturday.

"If the attitude of the Bosnian Serbs hasn't changed by (July 30) their answer will have to be taken as a 'no,' with all the consequences this entails. I call on them again to accept this plan. It is not a chance they should cast

Western powers have characterised the Serbs' reaction as a rejection of the peace plan while Russia, traditional friend of the Serbs, has been

their response in a more positive light.

U.S. envoy Charles Redman said Western powers would patch up their differences with Russia in the days before the foreign ministers'

meeting.
"I think we can work things out (with the Russians). There is no concern that there will not be a contact group agreement, there will be an escalating series of measures," he said.

Mr. Redman, also speaking in Mostar, indicated that the Bosnian Serbs' demands for further talks amounted to a stalling tactic because they were raising issues already addressed by international

The EU took charge of Mostar on Saturday for an ambitious two-year project to reconstruct the divided city, where Croat militia laid siege to the Muslim east side of

Pacific powers to meet on regional security

BANGKOK (AFP) -The world's major powers will hold talks here Monday at the first meeting of an ASEAN-initiated forum to map the future shape of security in the Asia-Pacific region, officials said Sunday.

The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) will bring together foreign ministers of 17 Pacific nations and the European Union to debate measures to bolster confidence among countries in the region and reduce potential for conflict.

The agenda will focus on long-term measures, but officials say current concern over conflicting territorial claims in the South China Sea, fear that North Korea may be on the verge of becoming a nuclear ower, and the situation in Cambodia would also fea-

A senior U.S. official called the meeting "unprecedented," saying the talks would fit in with Washington's efforts at building a Pacific community.

"The ARF meeting represents a vigorous step forward on regional security," the official said, adding that Washington had high hopes that the talks would produce shared views on security.

Besides the United States and the six Association of Southeast Asian Nations — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — other ARF members include China, Russia, Japan, Vietnam, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Paupa New Guinea, South Korea, Laos and the European

ASEAN officials say they formed ARF to build a new security framework in the Asia-Pacific to ensure their fast-expanding economies can continue to grow uninterrupted.

Philippines foreign secretary Roberto Romulo said he expected ARF to take up suggestions for establishing a regional arms register and encourage transparency in military matters, proposals raised last week by Thai Premier Chuan Leekpai.

Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, Malaysia's foreign ministry secretary-general, said that while ARF would set the directions in security cooperation, the forum was unlikely to engage in military arrangements.

'We are not ready for that yet. This is not the time to look for enemies but to identify friends and build on these friendships," he said.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Shen Guofeng said that Beijing would take a "positive attitude" at the talks and was open to all forms of discussion. ASEAN officials said

that some ARF members thought that North Korea should also be brought into



Army troops patrol the streets on July 23 as tension grew in the city after six people were killed and 28 injured when unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets and lobbed an explosive on a bus. Dozens of people

have been killed in violence between militant groups from the country's minority Shiite and majority Sunni Muslim communities over the past two years (AFP

Violence in Pakistan leaves 1 dead, 13 injured

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Gunmen attacked two Shiite mosques Sunday, killing a volunteer ambulance driver and injuring 13 others, including six children studying The Koran, Muslims' Holy Book.

Police in the southern port city of Karachi said they feared the attacks, following another deadly shooting of Shiite Muslims on Saturday, marked an escalation of sectarian violence. Six people were killed Saturday when gunmen fired on a bus filled with Shiite worshippers return-ing home from a mosque.

On Sunday, assailants on motorcycles tossed an explosive device into the Imam Bargha Haidri, a small crumbling cement mosque in Karachi's teeming central district, witnes-

The explosion injured a group of children, sitting cross-legged on a dirt floor while studying The Koran,

a daily ritual for most Mus-lim children in Pakistan. "Some of the children

were in awful condition. It was terrible," said Anwar Kazmi, spokesman for the Edhi Welfare Trust, the operators of Pakistan's largest emergency services organisation.

shot and killed earlier Sunday when gunmen fired on his ambulance as he tried to assist the victims of another shooting at the Imam Baghra Jafria Shiite Mos-Seven people were in-

jured in that attack. 'They are firing at our ambulances. No one seems to be able to guarantee our safety," said Mr. Kazmi.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks, and police have refused to Shiite groups have

blamed the attacks on their Sunni rivals. Pakistan's majority Sunni Muslims and the minority Shiite Muslims generally coexist peacefully in Pakistan, but in recent years dozens of small, militant religious groups have sprung up, and they often clash.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has accused her rightist opposition of encouraging sectarian vio-lence, a charge they deny.

Army and intelligence sources believe Pakistan's hostile neighbour India is behind the sectarian violence. Pakistan and India routinely accuse each other of masterminding terrorist

The unfriendly neighbours have fought three wars since the subcontinent gained its independence from Britain in

Officials said thousands of police and heavily armed soldiers are patrolling Karachi's troubled areas, particularly eastern and central parts of the city, to prevent more violence.

French tuna boat heads home

RENNES, France (AFP) -A French navy minesweeper Saturday began towing home a French tuna boat at the centre of an acrimonious dispute between France and Spain. The navy vessel took delivery of the trawler, La Gabrielle, in the Bay of Biscayne off the southwest coast of France from a Spanish tugboat, the French maritime safety agency CROSSA said. The boat is due to arrive at its home port on the island of Yeu Sunday. Spanish fishermen seized it July 16 in a high-seas battle, charging that it was using nets exceed-

ing the maximum length allowed under European Union regulations. The Spaniards evicted the crew and took the boat back to northwest Spain Tuesday. The boast was surrendered to Spanish authorities Wednesday following intervention by French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur. It had been due to be handed over to the French navy Thursday but sprang a leak while under tow from the Spanish navy and had to return to port. As it was being towed home, the Gabriella carried a rotting

cargo of fish because Spanish port workers had refused to unload it, in solidarity with Spanish fishermen. In what Spanish newspapers called tit-for-tat reprisal, a Spanish boat was seized by the French navy Wednesday over an allegedly illegal catch. French authorities said an inspection of its hold revealed a cargo of undersized fish hidden in secret compartments. A French court Thursday ordered the captain of the Spanish boat to pay 530,000 francs (\$100,000) in fines and costs. The boat's owner said he would appeal.

Cuba denies purposely ramming tugboat

HAVANA (AFP) — The Cuban government Saturday denied purposely ramming a tugboat packed with some 70 Cubans trying to flee the communist island for Florida on July 13. About 40 people were believed drowned when the boat was deliberately rammed and sunk, survivors told reporters. Granma, the mouthpiece of the Cuban Communist Party, said that the crews of the three tugboats which took off in pursuit had opened up with wa-ter hoses on the fleeing Cubans hoping to knock out the bridge. But survivors said that the powerful water jets

were turned on the passen-

gers and several, including some children, were thrown into the ocean and drowned. "Investigations have shown that this regrettable incident was not international on the part of the three tugboats which tried to stop the thieves," Granma said. The fleeing Cubans were accused of stealing the tugboat they tried to pilot to the United States. Granma also quoted survivors who tended to back the official version that the tugboat, built in 1879, was unseaworthy. It reported that an inugiry had determined that 63 people had boarded the boat, not 70 as some survivors claimed. One survi-

We made a mistake, that boat would have sunk 40 or 50 miles out in any case." Cuba's Roman Catholic church harshly criticised the "violence." The archbishop of havana, Monsignor Jaime Ortega, said in a statement to 'all Catholics and all Cubans" that the boat had not gone down by chance, adding that it was hard to fathom the harsh treatment meted out to the boatpeople. The U.S. Senate approved a resolution condemning the Cuban government's actions and calling on President Bill Clinton to take the issue to the U.N. Security Council.

vors was quoted as saying:

By Waleed Sadi

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Peace dividends

JULY 25, 1994, will hopefully usher in a new era for the Middle East that promises peace and prosperity for all its peoples. What His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will accomplish today in Washington is bound to influence the pace of progress on the other tracks of the peace process and to leave its marks on the region for a long time to come. While some would like to see the effort fail, many people in this region want it to succeed and bear fruit. And while the former would not spare any effort or means in their reach to torpedo peace, those who champion it have to put in even greater efforts to make peace happen, hold and progress.

The opponents of peace on both sides of the divide, Arab-Israeli or Muslim-Jew, will have no need to coordinate their efforts, since their aim is one: to bring to a halt the current peace negotiations. The proponents of peace, meanwhile, need more than express their willingness to make peace. They need to forge ahead and to dismantle the many hurdles that were erected during decades of hostility, While the direct participants, the Arabs and Israelis, carry the negotiations further and further ahead, the other partners, the U.S., the Europeans and the world community at large ought to use their political clout and financial muscle to consolidate the process.

The experience of the Palestinian National Authority in the self-rule area with the international donors is a reminder of the importance of changing people's lot on the ground. The incident last week at the crossing point between Israel and the Gaza Strip, that resulted in the death and injury of many, is testimony to the desperation of people, who for years have been yearning for peace and peace dividends.

The U.S., the European Union and Japan have a big stake in peace. It serves both their strategic and commercial interests. The conflicts in Algeria and other parts in the Arab and Muslim World are not about religion, like many might want us to believe, they are about disparity.

Peace will only hold if nurtured and people will only opt for it if it serves their own interests and improve their future prospects.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

COMMENTING on His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the United States, Al Ra'i daily Sunday said that the visit is a clear sign of Jordan's pursuit of efforts to attain a lasting peace in the Middle East. On Tuesday, the King is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress in Washington and he is expected to win lawmakers' support for his drive to attain security and stability for the countries of this region, following his success in winning the endorsement of his efforts by the U.S. administration, said the daily. President Bill clinton is to be commended not only for supporting King Hussein's efforts but also for giving him the chance to address Congress where U.S. policy is formulated, the paper continued. As for the tripartite summit at the White House, the paper said it is a clear sign that Jordan is sincere in its efforts towards achieving peace that would guarantee a better future for the coming generations. Meeting the requirements of development in this region is a vital element for attaining a lasting and just peace and, said the paper, it remains to be seen if the U.S. Congress will do its part in this process and come to the aid of Jordan and so enhance the growing relations between Jordan and the United States.

HAMADEH FARAANEH, a columnist in Al Dustour, said economic investments in the self-rule areas of Palestine are more beneficial for the Palestinian cause and people than all the statements of political parties put together. Citing a decision by Senator Kamal Al Shaer and his company to invest hundreds of millions in infrastructure projects in Palestinian land, the writer said that economic projects can best enable the Palestinian people to remain

and hold in to their homes and lands. Citing what example, the writer said that Palestinian businessman Sabeeh Al Masri has now pledged to cover the cost of running the affairs of the Higher Palestine Educational Council. The writer said that this move does prove the inseparable bondage between the Jordanian and Palestinian people who said the writer face a common destiny.

Human Rights File

What is in a change of name?

WHAT IS in a change of name for human rights? Plenty, said the International Human Rights Committee (HRCR) charged with the mandate of implementing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The case arose recently when a certain country refused an application from one of its citizens to change his last name into a Hindu sounding name. The country in question, which happens to have an otherwise impeccable human rights record, reasoned in its rejection of the application that it has the right to regulate name changing, especially when it is motivated by religious or ethnic reasons. While the case has yet to be dealt with and ruled upon, there is already an apparent division of opinion on whether the issue raises only issues under Article 17 of the ICCPR or also under Article 18. Article 17 stipulates that "no one shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his privacy, family or correspondence. Article 18 states that "everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.... and to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance,

practice and teaching."

So it has been argued that the applicant has two principal bones of contention: one that centres on his right to freedom of religion and the other the right to privacy. When a person changes his faith from religion A to B, in this case to Hinduism, can he or she be denied the right to change his or her name in a manner consistent with his new religion. The complainant in this case changed from Christianity to Hinduism and wanted for religious reasons to have a Hindu name just as a man or women converted into Islam may want to have Muslim name.

The opposite could be true of course. A Hindu who coverts to Christianity may also want his name changed into a Christian name. So what is wrong with that?

It appears to me' that irrespective of the religious

connotations of the issue, people should be free to change their names provided it is not done with such frequency that it becomes a nuisance to the state and the family. Likewise, the state has the right to regulate such a right in order to make sure that public order and orderly registration of names are not interfered with or threatened. This case may look simple to the novice in U.N. human rights endeavours, but it was regarded as so complex that the members of the human rights body were split right down in the middle over it. Some found no violation in the rejection of the application for the change of name and others found the opposite correct.

It would be interesting to know how Jordanians would feel about such a seemingly human rights issue. While a poll taking would be impossible in such a situation, readers are invited to voice their opinion on this vexing human rights matter by writing to or calling the writer about their views. Human rights cannot be pursued or analysed or ruled upon in isolation from the people who are, after all, the final arbiters of what is condonable and what is not in terms of human rights. I therefore respectfully depart from the traditional writing about human rights by engaging my audience as well in these writings. My questions on this subject would be simple: Does a person have a right to change his name for religious reasons, for ethnic reasons or for any other reason? If you are interested in this dialogue please write to me.

Another issue that is still being debated within international human rights circles is the call for equal treatment between so-called "legitimate" children and the so-called "illegitimate" ones. In fact, we in the human rights field no longer use these terms since children born out of wedlock constitute a very vulnerable group of children who deserve protection. Needless to say, there is a clear trend in international human

rights law to treat both categories the same and to call for removing all remaining vestiges of negative discrimination between them. Islam is quite progressive on this issue and contrary to public belief a recognised child inherits equally as a "legitimate" child. In this vein, many observers would point out that if there is anybody who is "illegitimate" when it comes to children born out of wedlock it is the parents themselves and not the innocent infant who has no say whatsoever in his or her conception and birth. Again it, would be interesting to know how the public regard this controversy. As long as we all put the question in proper perspective and keep in focus the need to protect children in general, including those whose biological parents have not been officially married, then addressing this concern would become reasonable from all points of view.

Most people tend to see human rights from a strictly

traditional point of view with special attention being devoted to political rights and democracy. It is amazing how widespread are the issues that fall within the scope of human rights. We in Jordan tend to examine human rights in a very limited perspective, leaving aside family and child abuse, honour crimes, freedom of thought in schools and sexual crimes that go on unrecorded. I have been told that we have a serious problem with incest yet no one has ever dared to bring the subject to the surface. Hopefully, our society will divert its attention and concern from the traditional human rights problems into the ones that are still concealed from public scrutiny. It is too bad that neither the national charter nor the human rights code that the national human rights commission had drafted have even touched upon the other side of human rights. There is a case more pressing now than ever to have a national coordination on human rights for the purpose of placing the Jordanian human rights interest and involvement in proper perspective.



Handshakes, rights and validation within the family

By Rami G. Khouri

THE SUMMIT between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washing-ton today is more significant, in political and historical terms, than the Rabin-Arafat handshake last September, The Israeli-PLO dynamic continues the primacy of Israeli power over the Palestinians in Palestine, at least in the foresecable future; the Israeli-Jordanian talks, on the other hand, may usher in a more balanced and meaningful Arab-Israeli relationship in the wider Middle East.

The Jordan-Israel talks hold out the promise of three goals that have eluded our people for most of the last century: a) Arab acceptance of Israel as an integral, natural part of this region, b) Israeli acceptance of the sovereign territorial, water and other rights of its neighbouring Arab states, without subecting Arab sovereignty to the supermacy of Israeli rights, fears and concerns, and, c) A resumption of the prevalent historical reality that has defined this region and these peoples for several thousand years before the modern Arab-Israeli conflict erupted in the 1930: namely, communal coexistence and practical human cooperation among Jews, Christians and Muslims, according to the ancient rules of ethnic and religious pluralism that have characterised the Middle East since the dawn of human civilisation in the Early Bronze Age some five mil-

The real giveaway of the meaning and hope of the Jordanian-Israeli dynamic now underway is most obvious in the demeanor of the Israelis who stepped on Jordanian territory earlier this week. Their manner was honest and telling; they spoke in a vocabulary of great expectations, talking of peace and reconciliation,

promising cooperation and progress for all. They were slightly awed, rather excited, and full of both disbelief and satisfaction. The Jordanians were more businesslike, uttering the now perfunctory expectations of peace and cooperation, but repeatedly stressing that Israel could live in peace and good neighbourliness only after it met the critical prerequisites of accepting Jordanian and Arab national rights, in terms of borders, security, water shares, the rights of Palestinian refugees, the status of Jerusalem and other issues.

We will see these senti-

We will see these sentiments expressed again to-day at the White House in both the body language and diplomatic language of the principal actors. Mr. Rabin will not display the hesitancy that confused his handshake with Yasser Arafat; rather, he will shake King Hussein's hand with vigor and enthusiasm, probably also with a sense of great relief for the Jewish people. His Majesty King Hussein will display none of the wonder or effervescence that characterised Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn. For unlike Mr. Arafat, King Hussein meets Israel not as a junior partner seeking partial rights on a fraction of his ancestral land for an unspecified period of time, but rather as the leading edge of larger, stronger, and more selfconfident Arab national culture that has satisfactorily come to terms with the place, size and role of the modern Jewish/Israeli community in its midst. This summit is historic in

superficial terms because it is the first time that leaders of Israel and an adjacent Arab state meet in public. Its real historicity, though, is not to be defined in the mediagenic emotionalism that characterises the American milieu in which it takes place; its real significance is that, following the negotiations in Jordan last

week, it is the most substantive Arab/Islamic indication to the Jewish people to date that they can look forward to reclaiming their rightful place among the wider Semitic family in the Middle east — a Semitic family of indigenous Middle Eastern Christians, Muslims and Jews in which the approximately five million Jews around here make up just over one and a quarter per cent of the approximately four-hundred million people who live in the Arab World and the wider, predominantly Islamic, Middle East.

The symbolism of the

Rabin-Aratat handshake was mainly about Palestinian acceptance of the reality of the Israeli state and its contemporary dominance in the relatively small land of Palestine, in return for which Israel recognised the principle of a distinct Palestinian community with certain national flourishes that could one day be transformed to national rights and sovereign statehood. The symbolism of the Hussein-Rabin handshake is mainly about wider Arab/ Islamic acceptance of Israel as a full player in the much larger Middle Eastern game of nations. Israelis and Jews may find this interpretation to be a strange delusion, arguing that Israel is a fact and cannot be wished away even if all the Arabs refuse to recognise it. The last several decades, however, betray a more glaring fact
— mainly that Israelis and Jews are obsessed not with assuring their own security (for this was assured somewhere in the early 1960s) but with securing their acceptance as a nation-state in the Middle Eastern galaxy of national identi-

ties.

It is not enough for Israelis to say and feel that they are part of the Middle East, because in reality they are only part of the Palestinian Mediterranean coastal strip, surviving on their own determination combined

plomatic patronage. Israel's highest and last national goal today is to be accepted as a natural, indigenous and normal Middle Eastern country. It has finally understood that the price of this acceptance is its own reciprocal and simultaneous acceptance of the national rights and communal reality of the Palestinian people, and the sovereign rights of the adjacent Arab states. The PLO-Israel Oslo accord was the diplomatic currency in which this price was denominated; the implementation of the selfgoverning Palestinian authority agreement is the price that Israel has finally paid. The currency is slightly devalued by the imba-lances in the Oslo accord; but ancient traders such as Arabs and Israelis accept that the qualitative value of the deal and the promise of its future dividends are

more important than the

depreciated quantitative

value of the currency itself.

Consequently — and the

money, military aid and di-

sequence here is important for Israelis and Jews to recognise — the Arab states are now prepared to enter into more dynamic negotiations with Israel that will finally shatter the psychological and political obstacles of the past. This round of peacemaking is succeeding where the Camp David talks and other initiatives failed because today we address Israeli and Arab needs on a more equitable, reciprocal basis, without subjecting the rights of Arabs to the exaggerated security and recognition obsessions of Israelis. The message of hope from the current negotiations is due to the greater diplomatic balance that underpins the talks - a balance that respects the rights of Arabs and Israelis to mutual security and sovereignty arrangements. Therefore, Israelis will not only step on Arab soil as they have done in Jordan this week; more importantly, because they have come to terms with Palestinian and Arab rights, Israelis can step back into the larger Middle Eastern family of Semitic peoples that has always been enriched by the coexistence and interaction among Christians, Muslims and

The key to this breakthrough will be long de-bated by historians, though several causal factors are already clear in retrospect: The exhaustion and economic precariousness of both sides (Israel and Jordan are among, if not the, world's highest per capita debtors); and, recognition of the futility of warfare and military strength as a means to genuine stability, peace and coexistence with neigh-bours. It is glaringly obvious to all in this region that our pressing, sometimes existentially threatening, demographic and natu-ral resource problems can only be addressed in a regional context. It is no accident, therefore, that the Jordanian-Israeli peace talks agenda is full of issues of regional cooperation, on water, transit, environmental protection, tourism promotion, energy genera-tion and joint socioeconomic development schemes in the Jordan Rift Valley and elsewhere.

This is not only in keeping with the exigencies of modern state, economic and demographic pressure; it is also an appropriate comment on how things should be within a single family. The relatively stable ancient Semitic family of Christians, Muslims and Jews in our region was torn asunder earlier this century by the grievous and deadly combination of the Zionist adventure, the post-1920 European fragmentation of the Arab region, the Holocaust, the dismemberment of Palestine, the disenfranchisement and diaspora of the Palestinians, the cold war, and the prevalence of autocratic Arab political

culture.

We now pass through a moment that is truely his-

toric because we witness the historical reassertion of the Semitic centre, in cultural and political terms reasonable, self-confident Arab and Israeli leaders and people who can rid themselves of the fleeting constraints that were born in mid-century, and instead who reaffirm the more constructive legacy of intercommunal coexistence that has generally defined Christian-Muslim-Jewish relations for thousands of years. For this to happen, Israel must be formally accepted and validated by its Semitic brothers and sisters in this region, and not only by its friends and financiers on other continents.

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The process of acceptance and validation must be mutually supportive to be convincing and lasting. This is the main difference between this round of peacemaking and all previous efforts. This round is not just about Arab recognition of Israel; it is about the collective and reciprocal rights and future opportunities of Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians, Lebanese and others who are interested to join in the process.

This is what the Washington handshakes are all about - not just making peace accords between states, but reviving an ancient and viable family that has been torn asunder by the (mainly European) stresses, fears and distortions of 20th century his; tory. Jordan and Israel today do not merely express their willingness to coexist in peace at the end of a particularly hazardous century that has been problematic for all, but to rejuvenate a trans-national. inter-communal family dynamic that has been the only historical guarantor of peace, coexistence and progress for all for thousands of years.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Syria schedules elections for Aug. 24

DAMASCUS (AP) - Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has scheduled nationwide elections for parliament on Aug-24, the Syrian Arab News Agency said Sunday. The vote for the Syrian People's Assembly following the expiry of its four-year term was announced in decree no. 62, signed Saturday by Mr. Assad, the state-run news agency said. Mr. Assad's ruling Socialist Baath Party is allocated half the assembly's 250 seats, while five allied parties grouped in the National Progressive Front get 30 seats. The rest are reserved for independents including merchants, businessmen and industrialists. The legislature's powers are basically limited to formally approving legislation and national

UAE court begins BCCI appeal hearings

ABU DHABI (AP) — Hearings began Sunday for 10 of 12 former executives of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) appealing their convictions of fraud and mismanagement in one of the world's biggest banking scandals. The hearings at the federal appeals court were ordered closed by Judge Abdul Wahab Abdool in response to a request from the prosecution. Journalists were then ordered to leave the courtroom. Public Prosecutor Mujahid Al Hoseri made the request arguing "it would be detrimental to national security and economic interest for the information to be discussed during this case to become public knowledge." After the brief hearing, Mr. Abdool scheduled the next session for Sept. 7. The court is hearing both criminal and civil aspects

Deri pleads innocent of bribery

TEL AVIV (AP) - A key former ally of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pleaded innocent Sunday of charges he accepted \$170,000 of bribes while serving as a cabinet minister, Israel Radio said. Arye Deri, head of the fervently religious Shas Party, admitted accepting tens of thousands of dollars but told a court the money was earmarked for various charities and educational funds, the radio said. Mr. Deri, who was interior minister under both the former right-wing government of Yitzhak Shamir and under Mr. Rabin, was forced to resign last fall after waging a three-year battle against an array of corruption charges.

Kadhoumi meets U.S., Russian ambassadors

DAMASCUS (AP) - The head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Political Department said Sunday that he had met with the U.S. and Russian ambassadors in Damascus to discuss international aide to the PLO. Farouk Khaddoumi, who has been in Damascus since Thursday, also discussed the latest developments in the process towards peace in the Middle East. He said he and the Russian delegate discussed enhancing relations between Moscow and the Palestinians, but did not elaborate on his talks with the American. In addition to the envoys, Mr. Kaddoumi has met with Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa and other senior officials to discuss the issue of peace and Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank town of Jericho and the Gaza Strip. Mr. Kaddoumi said he still had "reservations" about the Palestinian autonomy accord and did not trust Israel to satisfy Palestinian needs.

Tourist stabbed in Jerusalem, police say

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Two Palestinian youths stabbed an American woman tourist in Jerusalem's Old City on Saturday night, Israeli police said. The woman, aged about 30, was knifed in the back and taken to hospital in "moderate" condition, a police spokesman said. Police closed gates to the walled Old City in an attempt to catch the assailants, who fled.

Palestinian kills alleged collaborator

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — A Palestinian man shot dead an alleged collaborator with Israel in the occupied West Bank early Sunday, Palestinian sources said. The attacker pumped several bullets into Hosni Dib Odeh, 38, at point-blank range at the dead man's home just north of Talkary after accuraing him of "collaboration." north of Tulkarm, after accusing him of "collaboration." The sources said the attacker made off with the victim's

1 dead, 5 wounded in Kabul rocket salvo

KABUL (AP) — A barrage of 10 to 12 rockets were fired into central Kabul early Sunday, striking the Foreign Ministry and adjacent government offices, with one civilian killed and five others seriously wounded, according to hospital sources. Security guards said four of the rockets, allegedly fired by Hezb-e-Islami fighters of opposition faction leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, exploded in the Foreign Ministry grounds causing "minor physical damage" but no human casualties.

Army says ceasefire in Sudan holding

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese army said on Sunday that it was observing a ceasefire which came into effect at midnight on Saturday and there were no reports of fighting between army troops and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). The government of Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir declared the ceasefire on Friday in response to an appeal by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, who heads a regional grouping currently mediating between Khartoum and the SPLA.

Kuwaitis told to seek Islamic state

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwaitis should still campaign to create an Islamic state despite the failure of an attempt to cushrine Islam as the sole source of law, a Muslim fundamentalist magazine said on Sunday. "We urge national assembly deputies and all of the activists in popular political powers to continue efforts to achieve the rules of the Islamic teachings in the country by amending article two of the constitution or any other suitable way, an editorial in Al Mujtamaa weekly magazine said. Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah last week sent a letter to parliament saying that a constitutional change proposed by Islamist deputies to make Islam the sole source of law was unnecessary.

Boy vanishes in Cairo sewers

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian authorities face legal action after a young boy fell down an open drain in Cairo and vanished and an old man had a lucky escape. Al Wafd newspaper reported Sunday. The boy, Sayed Fares, fell down an unmarked, open drain last week as he walked with his mother through a residential area of Cairo. His body was swept away in the giant sewerage system which serves the capital's 15 million residents and has not been found since. On Saturday, Hilal Bashir, in his 60s, fell down an open drain in another district of Cairo and was saved at the last minute by passers-by using a rope.

AIDS killed 82 in Iran — official

TEHRAN (R) - Eighty-two people have died of AIDS in Iran so far, newspapers reported here Sunday, quoting a bealth ministry official. Mohammad Azmudeh, director general of the ministry's contagious diseases department, said 283 people, including 35 women, were known to have been infected with the virus in Iran, of whom 100 had developed full-blown AIDS. He said 82 people, including seven women, had died of the disease.



Security tightened at Erez

GAZA (Agencies) — Palestinian police have tightened security along the approach to the Israel-Gaza border to prevent a recurrence of violence in which two Palestinian workers were killed last week, witnesses said on Sunday.

Thousands of Palestinian labourers from Gaza crossed without incident into Israel on Sunday, the first working day in the week in the Jewish

state. On Friday, Israel lifted a five-day-old closure of the Erez border crossing imposed after workers frustrated by lengthy Israeli security checks attacked Israeli soldiers, a bus depot and a petroi station near the check-

An Israeli officer, identified by Israel radio only as Colonel Shaul, told reporters Palestinian police had agreed

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president as well as private

consultations, has also a sche-

duled address to a joint ses-

sion of the two houses of

U.S. Congress. King Hussein

the Congress as a "pri-vilege", since a joint session

is very rarely arranged for

visiting heads of state, but,

within its folds, it also signals

that Jordan was poised to

benefit both politically and

economically from its moves

Jordan is asking the U.S.

to write off an estimated debt

of \$950 million and enable

the Kingdom to replace its

old fighter jets with advanced

Jordanian sources say the

U.S. administration has

already committed itself to

pursuing Jordan's economic

and military needs in Con-

gress through proposing a legislation for that purpose.

The procedure for passing

new legislation, especially for

writing off government debts,

is a lengthy one that requires

the sanctions of at least two

committees; the Ways and

Means Committee as well as

the Appropriations Commit-

But most analysts believe

towards Israel.

U.S. equipment.

to set up new roadblocks "as we recommended."

He said they were deploying along the road leading to Erez and patrol adjacent citrus groves to prevent Palestinians without work permits from sneaking into

Witnesses said Palestinian police, in charge of security in the self-rule area of Gaza, made workers get out of buses and taxis and walk the last kilometre to the border.

Israel Radio said the measure was taken to ensure only small groups of workers reached the Israeli checkpoint at one time. Col. Shaul said Israel was doubling the number of in-

spection lanes at Erez. Last week's incident was the most serious outbreak of violence in Palestiniancontrolled territory since Israel pulled out of Gaza and

Meeting to set Jordan's regional role

lined so far.

that the returns of a public

meeting between King Hus-

sein and Prime Minister

Rabin were not confirmed to

the short-term economic re-

turns that have been under-

move as aimed at asserting

Jordan's role in the region

following the fall of Iraq, the

disintegration of the pre-Gulf

war Arab Order and the sign-

ing of Oslo accords between

Israel and the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation

(PLO).
This was actually highlight-

ed by the King recently in a

meeting with senior army

On July 15, hours before

President Clinon announced

the Washington meeting with

Mr. Rabin, King Hussein

told the officers: "Lately

there was a violent shake. On

the international level this

changed all the formulas. On

the regional level this violent

shake affected everything

that we used to fear and now

"Divisions have become a

part of reality and we have

lost a strong force behind us like Arab funding, the re-turns from Arab oil and the

suffering of Iraq which used

to be our supporter," the

More than 15,000 Arab labourers crossed Sunday into Israel, queueing for more than two hours.

"It's worse than before, and even then it was bad,' said Khaled Radwan, a house painter who had to make it to Ashkelon, some 15 kilometres away.

"Today, the Palestinians first let those with permits through, and then the Israelis check us very slowly, one by one, and scrutinise single one

On Friday, only 3,200 trickled through, out of the 20,000 who possess permits. Sunday was the first full working day, and an esti-mated 17,500 went through by mid-morning, according to the U.N. figures. Israeli officials said more than 15,000

crossed over.

mits but who were previously able to ship through to find a job. Unemployment is running at 40 per cent on the

There is peace now, why are they doing this?" asked Nayef Bakir, who has been trying to obtain a permit to enter Israel for two months.

"What should I do to feed my family? Why are they pushing us to extremes? If an Israeli soldier were to push me and send me back, I'd kill

Others were equally upset by the Palestinian police con-

"This morning, our Arab brothers treated us like the Israelis do," said Hamdan Abu Adel, 50. "I'm really afraid the next days will get worse. We heard there is peace but we have not seen anything on the ground."

more pressing for Jordan as it

became apparent that Palesti-

nians had already moved

ahead in their negotiations

with Israel and that "there

was movement on the Syrian

track" as King Hussein noted

in his press conference with

U.S. Secretary of State War-

of "Arab coordination" vis-a-

vis the Arab-Israeli peace

talks, Jordan, analysts be-

lieve, had to move on its own

track and reap the benefits

that would result from new

clearly in several statements

he made before and after the

announcement of his meeting

with Mr. Rabin. "It is about

time we paid attention to our

country which is both

threatened and besieged,"

the King said on July 16 in

another meeting with army

officers in the south of the

The King has put it very

regional arrangements.

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King said.
"On what can we de-

pend... On our Arab Nation?

I hope so, but the U.S. is not

behind us and the Gulf coali-

tion is not behind us. There-

fore, this country is the candi-

where all the international

plans for the Arab Nation

will be finalised at the ex-

pense of this country. This is

not fair, and that is why we

started this long process..."
The analysts believe that

the King's message to the

people of Jordan was to

to ensure its security and

position itself prominently by

forging the necessary alliance

with the U.S. and by placing

As a result of the Gulf

itself firmly with the new

crisis, the analysts point out,

Jordan lost both the support

of the Gulf countries includ-

ing Saudi Arabia and saw the

Arab Cooperation Council

Having already disengaged

itself from the occupied West Bank in 1988 Jordan had

already shed itself of one of

the major roles played in the

prominently in the area, therefore, appeared even

monies on the South Lawn of

the White House at 11:40

The need to position itself

regional order.

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derline the need for Jordan

O: Is Capitol Hill a huge its quarters? A: Well, I think it is difficult

effectively in this age of new world order to feel that we

a two-way dialogue. O: Did I understand that you said in the context of a new world order as it is today stituents of Capitol Hill

feeling that "big brother" is increasingly influential and I think that there is the feeling that after the cold war — the United States is and will play a leadership role and what I am calling for is intellectual generosity on behalf of Capi-tol Hill to hear the other side

Q: There is a public percepnot progress it is because the Palestinians are disorganised. that because the Jordanians are cautious that because the

Hizbollah assails Israeli threats

BEIRUT (Agencies) -Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hizbollah said on Sunday it did not fear Israeli threats of retaliation for a bombing in Argentina that killed up to 100 Jews.

It vowed to continue its holy war against Israel.

The enemy must understand that the stage of threats to crush skulls have long pas-sed ... this logic does not work with our people and our resistance anymore," Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the group's leader, said. "With what is (Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin threatening us? With death? .. Death is our habit and martyrdom is a gift from

Allah," he said. Sheikh Nasrallah, flanked by heavily-armed bodyguards, was speaking at a rally in Beirut to mark the first anniversary of a sevenday Israeli air, ground and bombardement of South Lebanon in which 150 people

 mostly civilians — were killed.

Israeli officials have vowedto avenge the July 18 bombing of Buenos Aires' main Jewish community centre. They say Hizbollah and its sponsor Tehran were behind the attack.

Some officials have said Israel would try to identify and annihilate all those involved.

A car-bomb was likely used in the Buenos Aires blast, Argentine authorities said Saturday.

Investigators said they believe the car-bomb's exterior was reinforced to direct its explosive force at the sevenstorey Jewish Mutual Association building, said Buenos Aires Security Secretary Alberto Piotti.

The bomb contained more than 100 kilogrammes of a chemical explosive, said Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Doglioli, a defence analyst.

'1994 heralds peace

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Washington works and how the Congress works? Do you think the Congress, for exam-ple, is sufficiently aware of the subtleties of international affairs?

A: My experience of Congress, and particularly in recent months, is that there is a growing understanding of Jordan's position and what it takes to make peace. But I think that in terms of addressing the American bureaucracies in the plural the problem of our country... is how to get the message across.

beast that is very hard to get your lobbyists in and out of

are all constituents of Capitol Hill and I certainly would like to feel that there is greater democracy in foreign policy, and that is to understand that we have an... agenda within the people that is to say the peoples and that countries of the region and to try to build

across the world? A: Well, I think there is the

of the story.

tion that when the talks do

Syrians are stubborn. Is that a fair perception or are the Israelis also responsible at times for lack of progress? Are they also picking over the fine points at times?

A: Well, I think that you might have added that the Israelis are intransigent also because again I think the perception is that the Israelis have been in a position where they have negotiated with each of the parties individually, but never has the impression been given other than in the last few days of the readiness to discuss issues with all the parties simultaneously and to see the secretary of state visiting Damascus and then going to talk to the Palestinians, attending talks in the Jordanian-Israeli context is reassuring because you feel that comprehensiveness in the air.

Q: I would like to ask you, amongst the requests or the issues under discussions between the U.S. and Jordan debt-forgiveness and other issues. Jordan has also asked for assistance in restructuring its Armed Forces. Why is that? What does that mean? What restructuring is needed?

A: As we look at our Armed emphasise that Jordan is geographically and politically a pivot between Israel on the one side and the oil of the world; 45 per cent of the world's oil requirements will come from this part of the world; increasingly in the months and years ahead, and therefore this pivot has to be strong, and I think that in terms of our legitimate selfdefence needs this restructuring is to look at priorities in the defence sector and to make it clear that Jordan is not a walk-over, that Jordan is strong in the pursuit of

Summit caps accelerated pace of events

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linking Jordan with Egypt via Israel and to open their bor-der by the Red Sea to foreign nationals. Tourists would be able to

travel from Eilat in Israel to Agaba, two popular resorts close together at the northern end of the Red Sea, but separated by years of enmity. Reports from Israel said Mr. Rabin intended to present King Hussein with a photo album showing the restoration work at the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jeru-salem funded by the King's personal contribution.

The gift symbolises one of the most sensitive issues that will face Jordan and Israel at a later stage when the King-dom will press for a key delineation of the religious character of Jerusalem, particularly over the Islamic holy shrines in the Holy City.

The Washington meetings begin at around 10:00 a.m. Washington time (5 p.m. Jordan time) with Mr. Clinton welcoming the King and Mr. Rabin to the White minutes later.

House for a private meeting that is scheduled to begin 25 The three leaders will address an invited gathering and the press at public cerea.m. (6:40 p.m. Jordan time). At 12:40 (7:40 p.m. Jordán time) the U.S. president and the two leaders hold another meeting over a working lunch at Blair House close to the White House.

The King and Queen Noor as well as Mr. and Mrs. Rabin will attend a White House dinner Monday night hosted by Mr. Clinton and Hilary Clinton. The King and Mr. Rabin

will address a joint session of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives at 11:00 (5 p.m. Jordan time) on Tues-

Deputies, activists support peace move Popular Unity Party Talal Al

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National Alliance Party, said the peace process represents "what is affordable at these extraordinary situations and does not represent the ideal situation that we aspire for.

"The international and regional developments, the miserable state of the Arab Nation and lack of Arab coordination all contribute to the current state of affairs which have led to the development on the Jordanian-

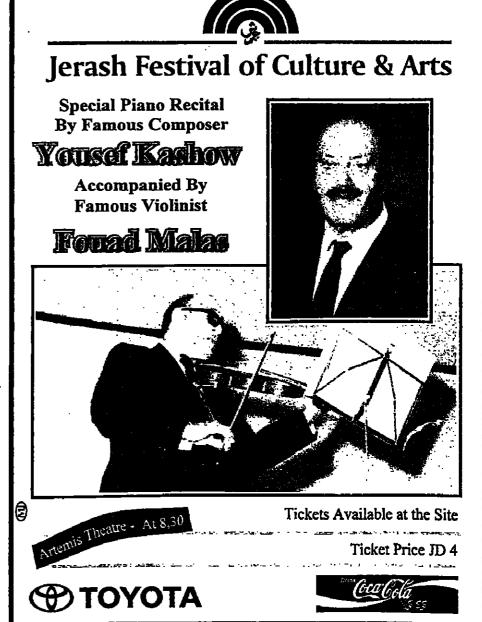
Israeli track." Both Mr. Sa'd and Mr. Khreisha shared the opinion that the peace talks held at the Dead Sea and the forthcoming talks between His

Majesty King Hussein, U.S. President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should culminate in a peace treaty, which should be signed after all pending issues are addressed properly and a comprehensive peace reached. Secretary General of the

Ramahi said: "Following the Wadi Araba meeting between Jordanian and Israeli officials, Jordan has entered a historical stage."
Mr. Ramahi said such developments should be viewed

with careful optimism. He said Jordanian negotiators "will not abandon any iota of land, or any right.' He said normalisation of

relations with Israel should not come before addressing all pending issues.







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Fed threat of rate hike raises risks for economy

WASHINGTON (R) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says he does not see much of a risk of the economy being damaged by a further rise in interest rates - but some private economists are not so sure.

They point to mounting signs that the economy is slowing — from falling housing starts to rising inventories — and worry that the Fed may go too far in its drive to stamp out inflation and snuff

out growth instead.
The risk is that the Fed will end up tightening excessively and slow the economy more than necessary to keep inflation in check," Bruce Steinberg, an economist at Wall Street broker Merrill Lynch and Co. said.

In testimony, to Congress last week, Mr. Greenspan left open the possibility the Fed might raise rates further and made clear he was far more concerned about fight-ing inflation than he was about supporting near-term economic growth.

"It is an open question whether our actions to date have been sufficient to head off inflationary pressures and thus maintain favourable trends in the economy," he

The central bank has already raised interest rates four times this year in a bid to prevent the economy from overheating and inflation

from stoking up. Economists saw scattered

signs that the Fed's medicine is working and some warned that further rate rises could prove over-kill.

Those signs included news last week that housing starts fell nearly 10 per cent in June and that unemployment claims jumped sharply in the middle of this month.

"The corner has already been turned," said Robert Davis, chief economist at the Savings and Community Bankers of America. "Further tightening runs the risk of precipitating a very signifi-cant decline" in growth and even an economic contrac-tion, he added.

Mr. Davis said that the Fed's interest rate hikes had brought the growth in bank reserves and money supply the fuel for future growth in spending — to a halt and, in ome cases, even reversed it.

Stanley Duobinis, director of forecasting at National Association of Home Builders, said housing was one of the sectors that was particularly vulnerable if the Fed raised rates much further. "We've got a serious prob-

lem," he said. "We could see serious downturn." Right now, though, that's not what the association foresees. It expects construction starts on single family homes

to decline to 1.11 million next

year from 1.165 million this

spectable showing.

But that forecast assumes that interest rates only rise a quarter percentage point more this year, before levelling off in 1995. Rates on 30-year mortgages are already two points above the lows set in October last year and currently stand at around 8¾ per cent.

year. That's still a quite re-

In his congressional testi-mony last week, Mr. Greenspan gave no hint of how soon or how far he might increase interest rates, should he decide that was necessary. But he made clear that, if

anything, he was going to err on the side of tightening cre-dit too much, arguing that the economy remains robust. Government statistics due out Friday are expected to show that the economy expanded by some four per cent in the second quarter, after

growing by 3.4 per cent in the first three months of the year. On the face of it, those statistics should buttress Mr. Greenspan's view of the eco-

But some analysts believe the data will contain the seeds of future economic weakness because much of the improvement in growth will stem from an unwanted build-up in inventories that will have to be worked off in the months ahead

And that's what has them

International Chamber of Commerce sees high economic potential for Jordan

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) intends to play a strong role in developing the business potential of the Middle East in an era of peace and sees Jordan as a gateway to the region, a senior official of the Paris-based organisation said Sunday.

Jean-Charles Rouher of France, secretary-general of the ICC, was addressing a press conference winding up discussions here with the local chapter of the ICC headed by Mohammad Asfour, president of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Com-

Mr. Rouher said his visit to Jordan was aimed at putting forward "points of view in relation to what is happening in the region and what is the role of the ICC."

"We have a lot of issues to review and a very significant evolution of events to watch and draw conclusions from," Mr. Rouher said, referring to the progress in the 33-monthold Arab-Israeli peace nego-tiations and the effects peace would have on the region's

"Depending on the smoothness of the (peace) process, this country (Jor-dan) could join forces with the business community in the neighbouring countries," Mr. Rouher said. This, he said, "will help increase investments and normal ways of trading to the prosperity of the country.

For its part, the ICC will make an effort to inform its members — private sector firms in 138 countries — of the opportunities available in Jordan, said Mr. Rouher,

General Jean-Charles Rouher (centre) and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al

Hassan on Sunday meets with International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Secretary-

ICC local chapter head Mohammad Asfour

who was received by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Taial Al Hassan on Sunday. The secretariat of the ICC in Paris is "establishing closer relations" with its chapters in the Middle East and elsewhere in the Arab World with a view to ascertaining what it could to promote business in the region once Arab-Israeli peace is established, Mr. Rouher said.

In a peaceful Middle East, when trade barriers are lifted with Israel, there are fears that the Jewish state might dominate the area in trade. But to Mr. Rouher, Mr. Asfour and Tawtiq Kawar, a leading shipping agent and businessman, the worries were unfounded.

Mr. Rouher pointed out that that compared with Israel labour costs in Jordan were much cheaper, giving the Kingdom a natural edge in every sphere of industry and production where the two countries are likely to compete.

"În addition, Jordan has already reached a good level in terms of services in this part of the world - shipping services, financial services, and trade services," Mr.

"I am not really worried about Israeli products being dumped on us, drowning our market," said Mr. Assour. We are just as competitive as they (Israel) are, if not

"Maybe they are ahead of us in certain industrial technology," he said. "However, I feel that we would have the advantage in promoting our industries because we have cheap labour and good laws that govern our national in-

Mr. Kawar pointed out that Israeli industries and technology were oriented towards the Western market, and as such they do not pose any threat to Jordan. In the context of agricultural produce, the cost of production in Israel is high and again the products are geared towards meeting European needs, he

"There might be some kind of electrical equipment, technical equipment, hospital equipment" that Israel might be interested in exporting to the Arab World, Mr. Kawar said. "But then, they have to compete with Taiwan, with Singapore, with Hong

Mr. Rouher described the Jordan chapter — national committee — of the ICC as very active. The Kingdom is a member of several commissions of the ICC.

The International Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1919 with the aim of serving world business, by promoting trade and investment, open markets for goods and services, and the free flow of capital.

The original nucleus, representing the private sectors of Belgium, Britain, France, Italy and the United States, has expanded to become a world business organisation with thousands of member companies and associations in more than 130 countries. Members include many of the world's biggest companies and represent every major industrial and service sector.

The ICC represents businesses to governments and intergovernmental orga-

On the eve of every summit of the Group of Seven industrial nations for example, the ICC president heads business delegation to the host head of government to present business recom-

mendations to the world's leading economic powers. The ICC keeps in touch with members all over the world through its conferences and triennial congresses the most recent in Mexico in October, 1993. As a memberdriven organisation, with national committees in 60 countries, it has adapted its structure to meet the changing needs of business. Many of them are practical services, like the ICC International Court of Arbitration, which is the longest established ICC institution. The court is the world's leading body for resolving international com-mercial disputes by arbitration. At the beginning of 1994, some 750 arbitrations were in progress, involving amounts in dispute exceeding \$20 billion.

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The ICC has set up three London-based services to: combat commercial crime --the international Maritime Bureau, dealing with all types of maritime crime: the Counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau, and the Commercial. Crime Bureau. To coordinate the work of the threebureaux, an umbrella organisation, ICC Commercial Crime Services, was established at the beginning of

Another recent ICC initiative is the World Industry Council for the Environment WICE), an autonomous body set up after the Earth Summit in Rìo de Janeiro. Its main task is to make sure that governments take full: account of business recommendations as decisions taken at the Earth Summit are translated into legislative action. Membership includes

Mixed signals on Russia's reform

MOSCOW (R) - The prospects for Russia's economic reforms are mixed as parliament heads for its summer break, with hardliners determined to fight in court against a presidential decree to advance privatisation.

Parliament, dominated by conservatives and communists, rejected the government's draft privatisation law last week but President Boris -Yeltsin rode roughshod over the parliamentary delays and signed a decree ordering the government to go ahead any-

Just before the recess the assembly also approved plans to compensate savers whose rouble deposits have been wiped out by soaring prices rates over the last two years.

Reformers fear that measure could pump prices again just as Mr. Yeltsin's government appears to be winning the battle against inflation. Mr. Yeltsin's decree, issued Friday, sets out proce-

dures for selling state proper-ty after the July 1 expiry of privatisation vouchers distributed free of charge last year. The second stage of the scheme introduces cash auctions to replace the old

method of swapping shares in

state-owned firms for the pri-

vatisation vouchers.

Government officials hope the second stage will bring in trillions of roubles (billions of dollars) - a welcome fillip to a country struggling to keep the 1994 budget deficit under 10 per cent of gross domestic

The decree says revenue from first-stage privatisation will be free of tax and orders regions to follow rules set by the centre.

Reformers had failed five times to muster the parliamentary majority needed to turn the privatisation plans

Opponents of the plan, who include communists, agrarians and extreme nationalists holding a majority in the state Duma, or said the draft law did not meet Russia's interests. Some said it would open up the country to speculators and

criminals. The communists have said they will challenge in the constitutional court Mr. Yeltsin's privatisation decree. They called on Russians to 'set up a wide resistance front to oppose the sell-off of state and municipal enter-

prises. Russia began its economic reforms in 1992, freeing prices and starting to transfer state property to private

Some 40 million Russians already own shares through a sell-off which officials describe as the most successful element of the country's painful economic transforma-

Parliament played its own card in the battle against Mr. Yeltsin's policies Friday, pledging compensation for people whose savings had been whittled away by inflation in the two and a half years since reform began.

Deputies approved the first reading of a law which would index savings deposits to January 1992 levels, although the money can only be used for government promissory

Russia has struggled to rein in inflation, which fell to a monthly 4.8 per cent last month, from 22 per cent in January. Former reform chief Yegor

Gaidar Saturday predicted an upturn in inflation, saying this was the lowest level to which it would fall this year. This is the lowest level we

can foresee provided the population does not change its monetary behaviour signi-ficantly, which would be too much to expect," Interfax News Agency quoted Mr. Gaidar as saying.

Kuwait tax plan sure to arouse opposition

KUWAIT (R) - Outraged Kuwaiti legislators are likely to shoot down a government proposal to impose income tax to curb a growing budget deficit but may agree to raise fees for welfare state services, economists said Sun-

Wide-ranging reforms proposed at the weekend, including the imposition of company tax on Kuwaiti firms, won a varied response from members of parliament, businessmen and civil servants long used to an allproviding nanny state funded by oil exports.

The economists said some changes might pass the opposition-dominated chamber because of emerging consensus on the need to curb a deficit equivalent to one fifth of national wealth. But the chamber was likely

to :demand_ cuts .. in . state spending, especially of the large defence and land purchase budgets, in return for any Finance Minister Nasser Al

Rodhan submitted a state-

ment to parliament Saturday that contained the proposals for raising more state revenue by levying income tax or imposing fees for services currently free of charge. The plan would make Ruwait the first of the oil-

exporting Gulf Arab emirates to impose income tax. A Kuwaiti businessman

said he would accept taxation as long as Kuwait retained its

parliamentary democracy. "It (the welfare state) can't go on like it used to," he said. "We are going through hard times. I'll go for it as long as it is fair and as long as I have

representation. There_must_ be no taxation without representation..

"Before you go to the citizen and ask him to sacrifice you ought to convince him that all areas of extravagance in government expenditure have been stopped former finance minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, said last week.

"Had the deficit problem been caused by a lack in revenue that would have been a major reason for imposing fees. But the basic reason for the deficit problem is the unwise expenditure by public institutions," he said.

Sheikh Rodhan also plans to start imposing company tax on local firms and a sales tax on services and wants to impose custom levies on more types of imports.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY JULY 25, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A good day to study personal aspects of your life and figure out the best way to improve them. Consult with experts on a new

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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A day when you are inspired to gain your wishes and can make your dreams come true. Be charming with others and you have great

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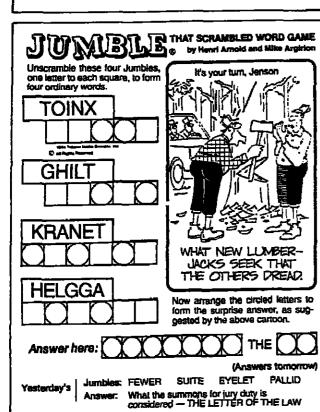
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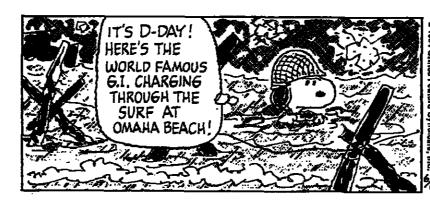
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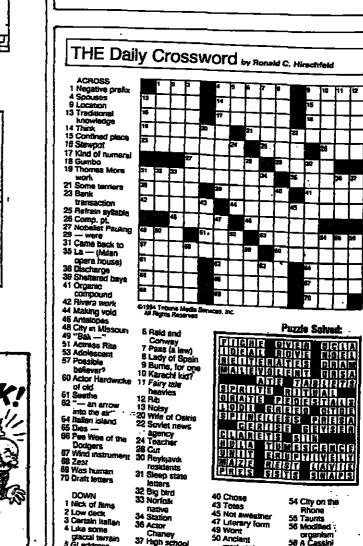
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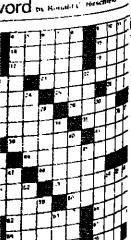
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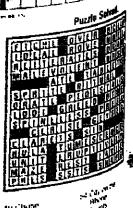
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SS of the world biggest epreciating against the yen and sterling. It appreciated gainst the German currency on mark sales for other propean currencies. On the other hand, the dollar deprecited against the yen as the deadline for Japan to open its narkets to some American products approached, without ny clear sign of progress in the U.S.-Japan trade talks. Meanwhile, the Fed chairman concluded his second day of estimony before Congress without giving any clear indica-ion of the Fed's plans toward the dollar and U.S. interest rates. He again reiterated his concern over the weak dollar.

The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5980 marks, 98.95 yen and at \$1.5276 to the pound sterling.

New York Closing Races for Major Currencies Against the U.S. Dollar

Currency	19/7/1994 Close	22/7, 1994 Close	Percent Change
Sterling Pound	1.5618	1.5276	2.19%
Deutsche Mark	1.5536	1.5980	2.78%
Suiss Franc -	1.3081	1.3552	3.48%
French Franc	5,3265	5.4625	2.49%
Japanese Yen	97.82	98.95	1.15%

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U.S. Dollar	4_31	5.62	4.18	5,31
Sterling Pound	4.81	5.23	4.87	5.87
Deutsche Mark	3.62	4.81	4.62	4,75
Swiss Franc .	3.87	4.31	3.87	4,25
French Franc	5,43	5.87	5.37	5.75
Japanese Yen	1.87	2.12	1.87	2.18

Date: 26/7/1994

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Deutsche Mark	0,4356	0,4378
Swiss Franc	0,5120	0.5146
French Franc	0.1271	D,1277
Japanese Yen°	0,6991	0,70260
Dutch Guilder	0,3872	0,3891
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Italian Lira	0,0437	0,0439
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Brokers see strong demand for Egyptian cement company

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian brokers said Sunday they were seeing strong investor interests in the public sale of two million shares in publicsector Amreya Cement Com-

The state's Holding Company for Metallurgical Industries is offering the shares at a fixed price of 27 pounds (\$7.95), with preferential treatment for small investors.

Bank Misr is accepting applications for four weeks from Aug. 1 but investors have already started applying to their brokers, who will send in block applications.

"We're receiving orders daily and I think it will be oversubscribed," said Amr Hossny of Tirple A Secur-

"There's a lot of demand. It'll probably be oversubscribed," added Aladdin

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The sale is the largest on the Egyptian exchange since the state diluted its stake in Commercial International Bank last year by selling shares worth 390 million pounds (\$116 million).

The two million shares represent 10 per cent of all shares in the company, which produced 2.33 million tonnes of cement in the financial year 1993/4 and expects to make a net profit of 100 million pounds (\$29.5 million) in the year.

Under the terms of the offer, only individuals canapply and may not ask for more than 5,000 shares. Brokers said the company would first satisfy in full applications for less than 1,000

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shares and then divide out the rest among those who applied for between 1.000 and 5,000 shares.

The brokers said they expected Amreya Cement to sell a second tranche of shares to institutions, which have also shown strong interest in the issue.

The sale is part of the Egyptian government's privatisation programme, which has so far concentrated on selling public-sector companies wholesale by private arrangement.

The state has already floated some shares in Suez Cement and these have since become the most active and the fastest rising shares on the Egyptian Stock Ex-

change. El Rashad Security Brokerage, in an equity re-search report, said Amreya had a good management reputation and noted that it had a tax exemption until June 1998.

"It is also rumoured that the holding company will set-tle about 350 million pounds (\$103 million) of Amreya's debts before the end of the calendar year 1994. If this happens the 27 pound stock will be real hit," it added.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian state has received more than 20 offers to buy the country's only brewer, Al Ahram Beverage Company.

The company is one of about 10 which have been offered for quick sale under a slow-moving privatisation programme backed by the World Bank and foreign donors.

Hamed Fahmi, chairman of the State Holding Company which owns the company, told Reuters he had also received more than 10 offers for Egypt Free Shops, the company which runs all the country's duty-free out-

The Holding Company for Housing, Cinema and Tourism had given investors until Aug. 31 to bid for the publicsector companies, both of

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which have been profitable. For a third company, Egyptian Vineyards Company, the country's only producer of wine, the holding company has received only

two offers, Mr. Fahmi added. Mr. Fahmi said the bids were still sealed but he doubted the holding company would need to extend again the deadline for Al Ahram Beverages and Egypt Free Shops. It had already put back the date from July

"But maybe the vineyards will be delayed," he added. The Egyptian government has been speaking about privatisation for more than two years but so far it has sold only three out of hundreds of public-sector companies — two soft drink bottlers and a boiler-making firm.

Petrochemicals export boom brings hope to Korea industry

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's troubled petrochemicals industry is looking up after more than a decade in the doldrums thanks to a boom in export orders mostly from Asia.

"Short-term, South Korea will see better performances," said Kim Kyung-Tae, a market analyst with the state-run Korean Institute for Industrial Economy and Trade (KIET).

South Korea's petrochemical industry languished in the doldrums for more than a decade because of unbridled overexpansion and an inability to compete with lowpriced foreign products.

But a turn-around came in 1993, when South Korea chalked up its first surplus of \$211 million in the petrochemicals trade, and the unexpected boom has carried over to 1994, the officials said.

Petrochemicals exporters here posted a surplus of \$60 million from January through May on \$1.26 billion in exports, upm 14.5 per cent from the same period last year, and \$1.18 billion in imports. ນp 4.5 per cent.

South Korea ranked as the world's fifth largest petrochemicals producer last year and retain the position this year.

"Now, our industry is in full operation to meet explosive orders in domestic and global markets," the KIET analyst said.

He discounted worries about continuing overcapacity, commenting that steady de-mand was likely to continue for several years to come. "Prospects are bright because the international economy has already entered an expansionary stage, with demand exceeding supply especially these days," he said.

International market monitors here predicted a slight glut in synthetic resins and rubber, but forecast the supply of synthetic raw materials would remain short.

To meet growing overseas orders, South Korea's Continental Development Corp. is planning a \$1 billion project to build a joint-venture petrochemical complex in With exports thriving,

South Korea has set the ambitious goal of shipping out \$3.15 billion worth of petrochemical products for the year, while imports have been set at \$2.78 billion.

As a result, Trade Ministry officials said South Korea would post a modest surplus of \$370 million in petrochemicals trading in 1994. The estimate was based or

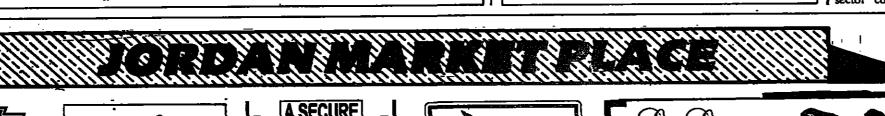
surging international prices in ethylene and propylene and also on steady demand from South East Asia, they said. Official data showed the spot price of ethylene had

surged by up to 40 per cent during the first half of 1994. Raw materials exported during the January-May period registered \$195 million, enjoying a 32.8 per cent

Shipments of synthetic materials was up by 31.3 per cent to \$25 million in the period with synthetic resin, synthetic rubber and other petrochemical products increasing by 11.5 per cent, 13.2 per cent and 16.4 per

cent respectively. The trade ministry predicted exports of ethylene would top a record high of 40,000 tonnes in July, spur-

South Korea's annual ethylene production capacity, a key barometer of petrochemical production, is now estimated at 3.4 million tonnes.





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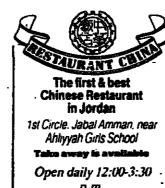
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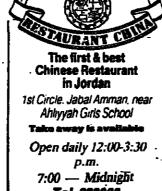
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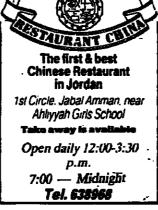
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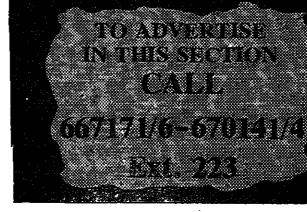
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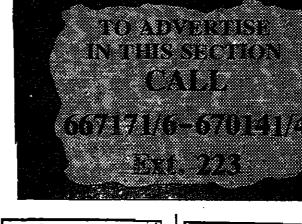


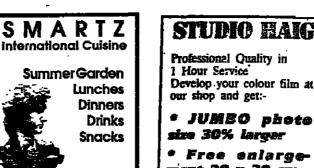
















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Chinese sweep aside Goodwill Games pool row

China's women imperiously swept aside controversy over a murky pool to dominate the opening swimming events of the multinational 16-day Goodwill Games Sunday and take four gold medals.

The United States, spearheaded by 200 metres butterfly winner Mel Stewart. took three golds and Russia two, including one for double Olympic gold medallist Alexander Popov in the 50 metres freestyle.

But times were mediocre as most of the swimmers complained about poor visibility in the cloudy water and the Swedish team, including leading freestylers Tommy Werner and Anders Holmertz, pulled out at the last

China's women were complaining least, Despite fielding what coach Wen Xinlong described as a third-string team which would not go to September's world championships, they extended the recent domination which has set their rivals quaking.

Ren Xin, Hong Shu and Bai Xiuyu won the 100 metres breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke respective-

They then combined with Kang Li to take the 4x100 medley relay by almost three seconds from a United States team featuring 100 metres freestyle world champion Nicole Haislett and Angel Martino. ninth fastest American ever at 100 metres but-

Wen, who has had to face accusations that the sudden rise of the Chinese women is due to illicit drug use. brushed aside such suggestions and said his swimmers simply had a superior techni-

"I saw some of the best swimmers in the world here (from other countries) but their technique was not always very good," he told a

Mei Stewart of the U.S. became the first person to win three successive Goodwill Games titles, powering away from Russia's reigning European champion Denis Pankratov to win the men's 200 metres butterfly in 1:58.46, well outside his own world record of 1:55.69.

The Olympic and world champion said he had been feeling the effects of nagging tonsilitis which could keep

Spain beat U.S., retain Fed Cup

FRANKFURT (R) -Champions Spain retained their Federation Cup women's team tennis title Sunday by cruising to a 2-0 lead over second seeds the United States.

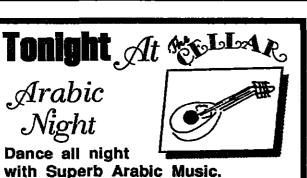
Wimbledon winner Conchita Martinez set Spain en route to victory with a swift 6-2 6-2 win over Mary Joe Fernandez in the opening

· Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the French Open winner and current world number two, followed with an equally convincing 6-2 6-1 demolition of Lindsay Davenport, with only the doubles left. Spain have now won the competition three times. first in 1991 and then again last year.

Under a searing sun and in sweltering heat that topped 30 degrees Celsius, the Spaniards routed their riv-

Martinez, who suffered a shock defeat by Germany's Sabine Hack in the singles in Saturday's semifinals, took just 62 minutes to sweep aside Fernandez.

Sanchez Vicario eliminated Davenport even more



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Yankees exec. resigns over remarks dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — Embattled New York Yankees executive Richard Kraft, heavily criticised the past week after referring to black youths as "monkeys" in a magazine interview, announced his resignation

"I've made up my mind to resign," Kraft said in a statement issued by the U.S. Major League baseball club. "It's my personal decision. It's the right thing to do for my health and for the Yank-

Kraft, who has denied making the racially charged statements, did not address the comments in his threesentence statement. Stress over the article aggravated Kraft's heart condition, which was a factor in his decision, the Yankees said.

He stepped down from his job as vice president for community relations just hours after dozens of protesters from the National Rainbow Coalition marched outside Yankee Stadium carrying signs that read, "We're not monkeys, we're people."

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who led the protest, said the resignation was a direct result of the pressure brought against the Yankees by

minority groups.
"I don't think Mr. Kraft's health went bad in the last few minutres," said Sharpton. "I think the Yankees' health went bad when they saw scores of people marching in the rain who would keep coming back." The protest was held out-

side an empty stadium. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, a friend of Kraft's for the last four decades, defended his associate in accepting the resignation. "Anyone who knows him must find it hard to believe

that the remarks attributed to him were made," said Steinbrenner, whose request for copies of the interview notes was turned down by New York Magazine. Magazine editor Kurt

Andersen has said repeatedly that New York stands behind its story. Kraft is quoted in the cur-

rent issue as referring to black youths as "monkeys" and "coloured." Streinbrenner critics charged the comments were proof that the Yankee owner's bid to move the Yankees out of the Bronx was racially motivated. Steinbrenner is scheduled

to meet with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of the Rainbow Coalition, at a time and place still undetermined. Jackson had called for Kraft's ouster over the comments. Kraft was replaced by Brian Smith, who had served as his assistant.

Atlanta worries about fans, athletes. in scorching summer temperatures

ATLANTA (AP) - Scorching summer temperatures are nothing new to Atlantans, but Olympic athletes and spectators from more temperate parts of the world may have trouble beating the heat in 1996.

The heat tolerance of spectators is of particular concern to Olympic officials, because they won't be under the watchful eye of coaches, like the athletes.

Providing free beverages. even water, could be a problem for officials because sponsors such as the Coca-Cola Co. and Anheuser-Busch hold the rights to provide soft drinks and beer at the Olympic Games.

"We're not trying to inter-fere with ACOG (Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games)," said Susan Pease Langford, the city's director of Olympic coordination. "you'd be interfering with all the businesses that want to sell their products."

For now, neither the local health department nor private organisations such as the American Red Cross has plans to distribute free water

Temperatures are expected

to hover in the mid to high-90 degrees Fahrenheit (about 37-41 Celsius) about 10 degrees hotter than 1992's Bar-

in Atlanta.

"The Atlanta bid commit-

Pound and other officials had been doubtful of the figures ACOG gave based on a 10-year survey by the National Weather Service. "I guess that's Atlanta's dirty little secret," Pound has

celona Olympics.

International Olympic officials, however, have a different picture of summertime

tee said the average temperature during the proposed dates for the Olympics was 78 degrees Fahrenheit (20 Celsius)," said Dick Pound, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) coordination commission for the Atlanta Games.

Many people already know that sunburn, heat stroke and heat exhaustions can come easily at temperatures in the high 90s Fahrenheit (40-41 Celsius). But what may not be well known, especially to Europeans and northerners, is that the same problems can happen at lower tempera-

tures if there's high humidity. In high relative humidity, the human body does not cool easily or quickly through sweating because the air is afready saturated with moisture. Atlanta's humidity can also reach the 90 per cent level in summer.

ACOG is working with experts on heat disorders and doctors experienced in dealing with heat and crowds in Atlanta, such as the Peachtree Road Race.

High heat and humidity were a concern during the recently completed World Cup, where on field temperatures reached 120 degrees Fahrenheit (62 Celsius).

Orlando, Florida, which is south of Atlanta and has a similar notorious reputation for a searing summer climate, was considered the worst for heat at the World Cup along with another of the nine venues — Dallas.

There were few reported problems for fans. At nearly every venue, "cool tents" were erected for fans in the parking lots. The centre had misting cool water released with large fans blowing it to comfort fans.

Majerle tries to purge memory of '88 Olympics

CHICAGO (AP) — Dan Majerie's last experience with international basketball is one that still defies explanation. How could a team with the likes of David Robinson, Danny Manning and Mitch Richmond fail to win?

"Nothing that happens will ever vindicate not winning the gold medal," said Majerie, the leading scorer on that 1988 U.S. Olympic team that was beaten by the Soviet Union and had to settle for a bronze, not a gold medal.

"That was such a special team with Robinson and Marining. I thought we had a good enough team to win," Majerle said of a team laden with future NBA players.

Two years later, the U.S. lost in the 1990 World Championships with another team of college players. The makeup of the teams would change, however, because of vote by the International Basketball Federation world congress in 1989 that allowed open competition in international play.

Thus, NBA players were given the go-ahead to play in the Olympics and world championships. The Dream Team I rolled

through eight games, winning by an average of 44 points en route to a gold medal in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and Dream Team II is expected to do the same in the World Championships next

But for Majerie, the 1988 Olympics were a lesson he's never forgotten.

"The fact we supposedly have the best players in the world, means we can't let down, because you can still lose even though you have the best team," said the Phoenix Suns' guard-

As cheers have faded for Douglas, he talks of rematch with Tyson time between a home in his

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -On Feb. 11, 1990, James "Buster" Douglas realised the improbable dream of becoming the heavyweight

> His knockout of Mike — in a fight held in Tvson Tokyo because there were no takers for the expected mismatch in the United States was perhaps the biggest upset

in boxing history.
The cheers quickly faded after his disgraceful loss to Evander Holyfield eight

months later.
Still, Douglas is at peace and satisfied with his life, despite a near-fatal bout with diabetes three weeks ago.

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He's even thinking about a rematch with Tyson. Larry Nallie, Doulgas'

business manager and friend, has been approached by a osed a rematch when Tyson is released next year from prison, where he is serving a

sentence for rape.

"Maybe the end of next year, beginning of the following year," Douglas said. "It's something I've thought about

considerably."
For now, his major concern is his fight against diabetes. Weighing 310 pounds (143 kilogrammes) and wearing dreadlocks, the 34-yearold concentrates on following

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his doctor's orders. Four times a day, Douglas

sticks a pin in his finger to draw and test his own blood. Twice a day, he administers shots. Before spending eight days in a hospital, he said he was a Zombie because of the chemical imbalance inside him. "I thank God every day

when I get up," said Douglas, relaxing recently in a Harley-Davidson motorcycle T-shirt. 'I asked for one thing and it's like my cup runneth over. I made a few mistakes along the way, but I still thank him for the blessings he bestowed upon me.

Douglas, who splits his

sion on Marco Island, Florida, says he still has a large chunk of the \$24.1 million he out by Holyfield in the third round of his only title defence Oct. 25, 1990. That was his

native Columbus and a man-

The loss heaped scorn on Douglas, roundly criticised for not trying harder to get

More devastating to him than all that criticism, however, was the death of his mother. Luiu Pearl Douglas died two weeks before he stunned Tyson with a 10thround knockout. He said he

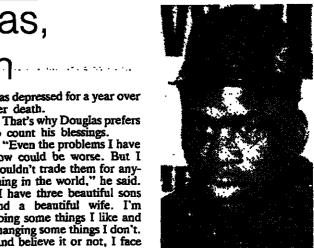
was depressed for a year over her death That's why Douglas prefers to count his blessings

wouldn't trade them for any-thing in the world," he said. "I have three beautiful sons and a beautiful wife. I'm doing some things I like and changing some things I don't. And believe it or not, I face challenges every day."

Douglas keeps busy. He manages two fighters, looks over his business interests, coaches in a midnight basketball league, gives time and money to charity, makes personal appearances, and answers his mail.

He also oversees the foundation he founded and named for his mother. He has named a community centre in Columbus in her honour, and is planning other development in the city.

Boxing remains a part of him. He still watches bouts on TV and measures himself against the fighters.



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James 'Buster' Douglas

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Schwantz defies pain to win in style

DONINGTON, England (AFP) — Brilliant Texan Kevin Schwantz kept his world championship hopes alive by winning Sunday's British 500cc Motorcycle Grand Prix here in magnificent fashion.

The 30-year-old Schwantz had been a doubtful starter after a spectacular crash in qualifying when he narrowly escaped serious injury. But after falling back from

second on the grid to sixth, he clawed his way through the field on his Suzuki.

On the 19th lap, riding, with a cast on the left wrist he broke in the Netherlands last month, he swept round the outside of Australian Michael Doohan to take a lead he never lost.

Schwantz celebrated his triumph — his fourth at Donington after wins in 1989. 1990 and 1991 - by riding up the finishing straight on one wheel, raising clenched fists and parading the Stars and Stripes on his lap of honour. Doohan's second place,

the 10th time in 10 races this season that he has been in the first three, keeps him 71 points clear of Schwantz with four rounds to go. As the tyres on Luca Cadaiora's Yamaha began to go

back, finishing more than three seconds behind Doohan in third. American John Kocinski was fourth on his Cagiva, ahead of teammate and fellow American Doug Chand-

ler, with Alex Criville of

off he was forced to drop

Spain sixth on his Honda. Italian Loris Capirossi won the 250cc Grand Prix to leap to the head of the world championship standings.

Indurain wins 4th consecutive Tour de France title, joins the greats

PARIS (AFP) — Spaniard Miguel Indurain confirmed his status as one of cycling's greats here Sunday by cruis-ing to his fourth Tour de France triumph in a row and by far the most important victory of his career.

For Indurain's 1994 victory not only made a nonsense of all the experts' predictions, it also proved one and for all the breadth of the 30-yearold's talent, who only a year earlier had been branded a "bore" and a "robot" rider.

Statistically, the win puts him almost on a par with the legendary Jacques Anquetil of France and Eddie Merchkx of Belgium, who both won four tours in a row, Anquetil between 1961-1964 and Merckx between 1969-1972, on their way to career totals of five French crowns. A record equalled by Frenchman Hinault.

More importantly, however, Indurain won this year's race with real panache. He was joined on the podium by Russian Piotr Ugramov, second and Marco

Pantani of Italy. Frenchman Eddy Seigneur took the final stage, crossing the line in a sprint finish ahead of Frankie Andreu of the United States, after a five-man breakaway on the Champs Elysees.

The critics had lashed Indurain for basing his 1992 and 1993 successes on time trial wins followed by defensive, safety-first riding in the mountains, where, barnaclelike, he latched himself onto the wheels of his major rivals and refused to budge.

This year, however, Indurain first smashed Tony Rominger and Co. in the opening 64km time trial on the flat — then murdered them in the mountains.

The mental and physical torture proved so severe that Swiss rival Rominger, the expert's favourite at the start in Lille but dogged with gastroenterities, had already abandoned just afte the halfway

His bitter parting shot could have come from former podium finisher Claudio Chiappucci, former triple winner Greg LeMond, exdouble world champion Gianni Bugno or reigning champion Lance Armstrong - all of whom had bowed out by 14 of the event's 21

"It is the worst day of my career. Indurain is unbeatable," cursed Rominger.

The 33-year-old, buoyed on by a hat-trick of wins in the Tour of Spain as well as Indurain's early season problems — a pollen allergy and knee injury undermined his bid to win a third tour of Italy in a row — had based the entire season on his French campaign.

He had even toppled the Spaniard as the world number one just before the start - only to be ground into the dirt in the mountains, theoretically his strongest discipline and where he was favoured to outperform Indurain.

The 11th stage in the Pyrenees proved the turning

Just two days after taking two minutes off Rominger in the time trial - and over five off British specialist and reigning Olympic pusuit champion Chris Boardman Indurain more than doubled that overall lead in the climb to Lourdes.

Spurred into action by Italian climber Marco Pantani, who came second to Indurain's third in the Giro, he ruthlessly attacked after spotting Rominger in trouble up the 1,560-metre climb.



He repeated the move the next day, allowing Frenchman Richard Virenque to win the stage by a massive margin but again taking three minutes off the despairing Rominger on the way to Luz Ardiden.

Indurain won neither the 11th or 12th stage but his superb tactics had all but guaranteed overall victory. Rominger quit the race the next day - on Indurain's

birthday. By then, only a crash or illness could change the course of the tour and the man from Navarre had a close shave on the 15th stage Ventoux, the tragic landmark that saw the death of British rider Tom Simpson in 1967. The leader lost his back

wheel on a hairpin bend and came to within inches of crashing off the road and down the mountain side as he fought to regain control of his

That miss, however, proved as good as a mile. Or as good as the 2,486 miles that it took Indurain to cycle, into history.

Russian Piotr Ugrumov produced a late flurry to slash the yellow jersey's lead but even then Indurain, the master tactician, seemed in total while hurtling down Mont

Berasategui overcomes heat to win Stuttgart Open title

STUTTGART. Germany (AP) — Spain's Alberto Berui overcame searing heat Sunday to outlight. Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi 7-5. 6-3, 7-6, (7-5) and capture his third career title at the \$1.04

illion Mercedes Cup Berasategui, the French Open finalist, relied on his unorthodox forehand to win the big points against Gaudenzi, who was playing in his first final of a major tournament.

The fourth-seeded Berasategui rallied from 2-4 down in the third-set tiebreaker, helped by Gaudenzi's

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Both men pressed the attack, trying to end points early in the heat where temperatures on court were recorded at 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 degrees Cel-

Gaudenzi wasn't much better off," Berasategui said.

the top 10 with the title. Ranked 91st at this time last year, he was reached eight clay court finals within 11

months. closed out the match in one Gaudenzi's forehand sailed

long.
"That's my tactic," said
Berasategui. "I walk around
my backhand and hit my
forehand as hard as I can." Berasategui won the first set when he anticipated

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"I thought if I lose this set.
I'm very tired. But I thought

Berasategui, now ranked 14th in the world, will crack

Gaudenzi, another players on the rise, tried to attack Berasategui's backhand, but the Spaniard counterpunched by spraying forehand winners all over the court. He finally hour and 58 minutes when

another serve by the Italian to his backhand, then sent it flying down the line at set

point to win 7-5.

After hoopla, Simpson case comes down to science fessor at the University of California at Irvine. Studies Ford has con-

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After all the out-of-court hoopla over a reward, a hot line and accusations of planted evi-dence, the O.J. Simpson case is moving into the more staid The trial could turn into a showcase for the reliability of attention focused on a few

laboratory, and on the letters Can such tests really prove whether a defendant is innocent or guilty? Should science. send someone to the gas experts. chamber?

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one of the team's players swinging his bat for a

three-run shot during Saturday's practice

winner of the championship will particip

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cannot be trusted. "This (case) will have a tremendous impact on people's perception of DNA evidence," said Simon Ford, a molecular biologist and pro-

Embassy

He said prosecutors

ducted are quoted in a defence motion arguing for strict controls on DNA testing of blood, hair and tissue gathered at the scene of the slayings of Nicole Brown man, and from Simpson, who is charged with their murting and duplicate testing are

Specifically, the Simpson camp wants prosecutors to split the samples to allow separate testing by defence

The issue will be argued Monday in full view of a Some scientists call DNA national television audience. The prosecution's testing was expected to begin Tuesday at Celimark Diagnostics, a private laboratory in German-town, MD., used by law enforcement nationwide.

'There'd's absolutely no legal authority in California for forcing a split of samples," said Rock Harmon, senior deputy district attorney in

Alameda County who has used DNA evidence in numerous cases.

oppose the split because they risk losing too much of the samples before the tests are even begun. But Ford and another au-Thompson, said sample split-

the only guarantee of reliable So-called DNA fingerprinting looks for unique characteristics that constitute each person's genetic makeup. Laboratories ex-tract DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) from such things as skin, blod or hair found at a crime scene and compare it

with samples from suspects and victims. Ford and Thompson are part of a growing group of experts who advocate rigorous testing controls in criminal al cases, including require-

raping and murdering four ments for duplicate tests. "Errors can be caught or

"Right now, we use more

prevented when you do duplicate testing," said

Thompson, also a professor at University of California-

He noted that double-

to diagnose strep throat than we do to send someone to the gas chamber," Thompson The first person executed in the United States on the basis of genetic fingerprinting

was Timothy W. Spencer, a

serial killer dubbed the

"Southside Strangler" who was put to death in Virginia in April. Prosecutors said that without DNA evidence collected at the crime scenes, they never would have been able to convict Spencer in 1988 of

Legal experts question whether the early focus on DNA evidence in the Simp-

son case tends to telegraph a defence concern that blood. hair and tissue samples would tend to convict the defendant. Thomson said just the opposite seems true.

"If I were guilty I don't checking of tests is routine in other areas of science. think I would want duplicate tetsing," said the professor, whose specialty is science and the courts. "I would sit back and wait for the prosecution laboratory results and then argue that there was error in

the testing.'

Ford said the possibility of error and contamination is real and has been a problem in many cases.

Two of the lawyers recruited by the defence to handle the DNA motion have challenged DNA evidence on those grounds in other trials.

The two New York lawyers, Barry Scheck, a professor at Cardozo Law School, and Peter Neufeld, an expert in the DNA field. have urged stricter regula-

tions on DNA testing and have sought to exclude it as evidence in many cases.

From a defence lawyer's viewpoint, DNA testing can be both a plus or a minus. said attorney Harland Braun.

"If the results are inconsistent (with Simpson's DNA). they'll open the county jail doors the next day (and let him out)," Braun said, "But if it's positive, it could be devastating, unless you can show there's something wrong with the lab."

Another option exists. noted Harmon: Simpson's lawyers could be gambling that the tests will prove positive not just for the victims' blood or Simpson's blood but

for blood of another person. "If a person is guilty, the best they can hope for is some stray piece of biological evidence that injects a fourth person into the case," said Harmon, "Then, for the purposes of your case, that becomes the real killer."

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Financial problems facing the

new self-rule authority can-

not be blamed on the World

Bank and donor countries,

Palestinian Economy "minis-

ter" Ahmad Qonriea said

the victims of any special mistrust," he said, distancing

himself from other Palestine

Liberation Organisation

(PLO) leaders, including

Chairman Yasser Arafat.

who have savaged the bank

disbursement of aid promised

by the international commun-

ity are long throughout the

world," he told the AFP in

Abu Dis, his family's home village on the edge of Jeru-

Mr. Qouriea, known as Abu Alaa, was due later Sun-

day to hold his first meeting

with Israel's Finance Minister

Avraham Shohat since auton-

omy began and he returned

The two men negotiated

the economic agreement in-

corporated in the overall

accord which launched

Mr. Qouriea stressed the

need to "work out relations

between the Palestinian au-

thority and the donor coun-

tries to build up confidence."

The international com-

munity pledged \$720 million

for autonomy this year. Only

\$47.5 million have been adv-

anced so far and Mr. Arafat

has repeatedly accused the

World Bank of reneging on

The bank and donors have

demanded the Palestinians

establish open accounting procedures before paying out

Mr. Qouries said he signed

greements with the World

Bank three weeks ago for \$54

million to pay police and civil servants during July, August and September, \$150 million

for emergency reconstruction projects and \$18 million for

easibility studies and train-

For the last quarter, we

will have to negotiate with

the donor countries and the

World Bank, which are hesi-

rent budget and prefer to finance the export of their goods and technology," he

The minister voiced hope

that tenders for the first

schemes to improve roads,

water supplies and treatment

plants would be out in the

"If the (\$150 million)

agreement is applied by the end of the year, I believe the

Palestinians will see real

changes on the ground. If not

the credibility of the peace

process will be in danger," he

coming weeks.

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The Palestinians are not

Israeli acknowledgement of land most clear result of Wadi Araba talks

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times

PROGRESS on Jordan's territorial rights was by far the most clear result of last week's Wadi Araba bilateral talks with Israel despite Israelis efforts to be little the issue, according to Abdullah Touqan, head of the Jordanian boundary commission to

Although some negotiators felt that Israelis were trying to "ignore the facts behind Jordan's territorial demands," Dr. Tougan told the Jordan Times that the conflict on borders was contained through Jordan's sci-

entific and legal approach. He added that the wording of the British mandate document defining Jordan's borders with Palestine were clear and did not warrant the argument.

The British mandate agreement between the United Kingdom and then Transiordan defines Palestine as "the area which lies to the west of a line drawn from a point two miles west of the town of Aqaba on the Gulf of that name up the centre of Wadi Araba, Dead Sea and River Jordan to its junction with the River Yarmouk; thence up the centre of that river to the Syrian frontier," making Transjordan the area east of that line.

Whereas the mandate of Transjordan was entrusted to the British as early as July 24, 1922, the agreement was only ratified in Jerusalem in February 1928.

One negotiator told the Jordan Times that although considerable progress had been achieved on the border track, the water issue still stands "in limbo."

Dr. Tougan said that the July 18-19 Wadi Araba nego-



Dr. Abdollah Touqan mitment to accepting the

British mandate document as the mainframe of addressing territorial issues between the two countries.

The Wadi Araba talks were the first to be held in the region in a tent straddling common borders. The talks addressed water, border and security issues based on the common agenda signed in Washington on Sept. 14, 1993, and the sub-agendas on borders, security and territories signed June 7, 1994.

The Jordanian negotiations over borders, Dr. Touqan feels, have advanced a satisfactory distance towards solving the border problem, but it is a long and ardnous trip and "this delicate issue" should be dealt with one stage at a time to ensure accuracy and gradual flow of events

The "boundary work" will start with forming a joint technical team of experts (JTTE) to agree on "common understandable maps" that have to be compatible to Jordan's territorial rights, he said. The JTTE will also tackie other related issues like "boundary maintenance and administration" for which a commission has been set up to "maintain consistency on

Only after demarcation and definition of international borders is completed, the security commission will enter into military and security arrangements on and around the areas of the international borders, Dr. Tougan asserted.

"To us in Jordan, boundaries are one of the most significant and important manifestations of territorial sovereignty and territorial jurisdiction," said Dr. Tou-qan, stressing that, as stipulated in the common agenda and sub-agendas, Jordan reinforces its rights of sovereignty over its land without prejudice to any territories that came under Israeli rule in 1967."

"I do not discuss (with Israelis) anything to do with areas of the occupied West Bank or the Palestinian selfrule areas; what we discuss is purely a Jordanian-Israeli issue -- it is Jordan's right as a sovereign state," he said.

Dr. Touqan affirmed that Jordan will not sign a peace treaty with Israel before reaching mutually satisfac-tory solutions on the borders and water rights.

"When we do reach a solution and an Israeli commitment to our rights, these will be incorporated into a peace treaty," Dr. Tougan affirmed.

On Jordanian-Israeli economic cooperation, Dr. Touqan said that the Jordanian-Israeli bilateral committee and the Israeli-Jordanian-U.S. trilateral committee will be moving simultaneously on

the definition and implementation of joint projects.
For practical and pragmatic reasons, development projects would be concentrated in the sector of Aqaba-Eilat to the Dead Sea area, "simply because most of the projects lie in that area which is the longest border we share."

PATTENT WAIT: An Israeli soldier checks Israel closed it last week following violence an workers' ID cards at the Erez (AFP photo) checkpoint on Sunday, the first full day after

Abequa killed wife 'without thinking'

By Tareq Ayyoub
The Associated Press

JUWEIDEH PRISON - A Jordanian accused of mundering his American wife in New Jersey said Sunday he was sorry he had killed her, but felt he had no alternative in order to retain the guardianship of their children.

Speaking to the Associated Press at this prison, 20 kilometres south of Amman, Mohammad Abequa dismissed an American request for his extradition and said he "preferred" to be tried by Jordanian courts.

Mr. Abequa, 46, a naturalised American citizen, is sought by U.S. authorities on charges of strangling his estranged wife, Nihal, 40, at her Parsippany-Troy Hills, New Jersey, apartment and fleeing to Jordan with the couple's two children — Lisa, 6, and Sami, 3. Nihal Abequa's body was discoveered

on July 6. On Saturday, police announced Mr. Abequa had confessed to the crime.

Mr. Abequa, a former mechanic with the Jordanian army who went to the United States in 1985, said he killed his wife on July 4 and fled with his children from Nashville, Tennessee, on July 6. In a calm and composed

e. he recounted the event that led to the killing and his flight. The interview was conducted in English in the presence of prison officials in a well-furnished room near his cell, which he shares with 50

The tall, lean man with a salt-and-pepper beard claimed his wife had been unfaithful to him, denied him the right to live with his children and sought a divorce.

"She wanted to raise the kids the way she liked," he said. "She rejected my requests to come to Jordan. She was f... around with her boy friend. She didn't allow me to live with my kids. Therefore I killed her."

Mr. Abequa, who was wearing a neat pair of jeans. said he had lived in Nashville and worked as a mechanic after his wife kicked him out of their New Jersey apart-ment in March 1994. The children lived with their

Speaking after he per-formed the Muslim noon prayer, he said he returned to New Jersey on July 4 to "negotiate with her our life, our problems in the family, how we raise the kids."
"She said she had to raise

the kids by herself...

"She made me a cup of tea, put the kids to sleep and we continued our talk about our problem. I don't file for divorce. I don't believe in divorce because I'm Muslim. I have my kids and I want to raise them as Muslim," he

Mr. Abequa, who claimed he "did not drink, did not smoke," said he did not consider his wife, an American citizen of Turkish origin, a Muslim although she was born one.

"I told her we should save our kids... out of drugs, out of alcohol, and she said, 'you month,' I said this is not the way I want it."

Mr. Abequa said his wife ordered him to leave and threatened to call police. She then tried to find out how much money he had and began pulling his wallet and checkbook from his pocket, precipitating a fight, he said. "She started calling me bad

names. I lost my temper, I pushed her down without thinking I put my hand around her neck, then she lost her life," he said. "I had no choice... I'm

sorry for what happened because I tried to do my best to



nmad Abequa

stay together as one family as husband, wife and kids and she was the one who refused," said Mr. Abequa. He said he hid her body under the bed before the children awoke.

He later went to Nashville, cleared his bank accounts and flew with the children to London on his Jordanian passport. He said his wife had hidden his American passport and he could not find it. From London, Mr. Abequa and the children flew to Amsterdam and then Beirut, then landed in Amman on

July 8. He said he took his children sightseeing to the port of Aqaba, some 350 kilometres south of Amman. and other sites until July 15. On that day, he left his children with one of his sisters and travelled overland to Iraq to borrow some money

He was arrested July 20 when at an Iraqi health centre for an obligatory AIDS test, he said. Iraqi embassy officials confirmed the account.

He was handed over to the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad and taken back to Amman by Jordanian security

Mr. Abequa, whose left arm was in a cast, said during interrogation he was treated well and his confession was made without coercion. He said he had broken his

But the minister stressed that the new authority would have to get down to work. "We don't have a magic wand to-wave-to change everything from one day to the next," he admitted. "We are

> in two weeks at most and we hope to raise \$350 million a The annual autonomy budget should be around \$500 million with a planned

going to start collecting taxes

deficit of \$150 million. Mr. Qouriea rejected calls by Palestinian Finance ministér Mohammad Nashashibi for an immediate renegotiation of the economic accord

with Israel. "I speak in the name of the Palestinian leadership and not in the name of Mr.

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tiations resulted in signing an agreement on borders in which Israel restated its comterritorial issues after the peace negotiations culminate in a treaty of peace." Yemen says no foreign

role in reconciliation

MUSCAT (Agencies) — The war, while others went to in them in flight Yemeni government Sunday Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Onsi also closed the door to foreign mediation in reconciliation talks with southern separatist leaders following their defeat in a two-month civil war.

"The situation in Yemen has been decided," Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Onsi told the Associated

"Any talk will be ... within the domestic framework. If there are to be any other talks will only be informal, nothing official.'

He denied a French foreign ministry announcement that rival leaders will meet in Paris before the end of the month for tall 3 led by U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Ibra-

Mr. Onsi said that if Mr. Ibrahimi had arranged anything "it would only be in his personal capacity and not as representative of the United

Throughout the war, which erupted May 7, the north tried to limit foreign involvement in the war, which it saw as granting legitimacy to the separatists.

Led by former Vice-President Ali Salem Al Beidh, the separatists sought to secede from the embattled union of North Yemen and South Yemen, declared in

Mr. Beidh and several aides fled to Oman after the

Mr. Onsi was part of a 40-member government delegation that came here seeking to rehabilitate Yemen's ties with Oman, whose tacit support for the south strained relations with the Sanaa gov-

errment. Mr. Onsi said Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos, "received us with open heart and showed all understanding."

He said the delegation was ready to meet with Mr. Beidh or any other exiled leader and had promised Sultan Qaboos that the safety of Mr. Beidh or any of his aides was guaranteed if they wished to return home from exile.

He said a post-war amnesty declared by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh covers all citizens and the leaders in exile."

Mr. Saleh has made some conciliatory gestures to members of Mr. Beidh's Yemen Socialist Party, whom he needs to offset the growing power of fundamentalist and tribal leaders in the north.

Mr. Onsi said another aim of the visit is to urge an estimated 8,000 refugees gathered on this side of Yemen's border with Oman to

return home. The group is also expected to seek the repatriation of warplanes, warships and military vehicles which the

southern leaders had taken

Mr. Onsi also said that Sultan Qaboos had conveyed a message from Saudi King Fahd seeking to bury the strains in their relationship caused by Saudi Arabia's alleged support for the south.

According to Mr. Onsi, the king said "that Saudi Arabia wants to open a new page with Yemen after the tensions of the past two

In Aden, cholera has killed at least 28 people and made 300 sick in Aden, where shortages after the civil war have been made worse by looters who damaged pumping equipment, medical experts

A senior Aden doctor counted at least 28 deaths from the disease, which causes severe diarrhoea and

dehydration. "I think this is the tip of the iceberg," said another doctor, Khaled Al Qassem, at the Jumhouriya hospital. Experts said there was no

proof yet of water transmitting the disease, but lack of water can encourage its spread by making it more difficult to wash food and

"At the moment we cannot make a direct between the water supplies and the cholera," said Yves Daccord, delegation head for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

arm in a fall in Jordan.

BANJUL (R) — Gambian army officers who ousted President Dawda Jawara in a bloodless coup have put under house arrest 10 Nigerian officers working with the military, officials said on Sun-

Mr. Jawara was aboard a U.S. ship in Banjul harbour with his family and senior officials hoping to negotiate with the ruling council of four army lieutenants.

The Nigerian army officers included the former commander of the 800-strong Gambian army, Colonel Boubakar Dada, who was preparing to leave Gambia. His re-

placement, Colonel Lawan Gwadabe, who took office last month, is currently in

Nigeria. State radio was off the air but independent Radio One broadcast a communique appealing to people to report for work on Monday and asking permanent secretaries to assume the duties of government ministers who have fled or been detained.

The capital Banul was calm, the market was open and people were going about-their business normally. An overnight curfew was in force from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. International telephone

lines, which were cut on Friday, were working again Hospital staff in Banjul confirmed there had been no

casualties in the coup, which began as a rampage through the capital on Friday by soldiers demanding back pay.

Officials said the mutineers wanted higher wages and the withdrawal of 70 Nigerian military advisers in Gambia.

Gambian radio said soldiers had arrested Vice President Saihou Sabally and established a provisional ruling council consisting of lieutenants Yayeh Jameh, F.D. Sabally, Sadibu Haydara and I. Signate.

Qouriea defends World ...

Norway seizes second Greenpeace ship in three days

OSLO (AFP) - The Norwegian coast guard seized a Greenpeace vessel Saturday for interfering with a whale, hunt in the second such detention in three days, the coast guard said. The coast: guard towed the ship, the Solo, towards the port of Egersund, 300 kilometres southwest of Oslo, where it was expected to arrive late Saturday to be turned over topolice. The Solo will join. Greenpeace's other arrested vessel, the Sirius, in Egersund. Police said the Solo was interfering with a whale hunt by a ship called the Senet. which has several times been the target of Greenpeace's anti-whaling efforts this season. "Solo was arrested after the vessel illegally tried to interfere with a whale hunt," Commander Hans Kjeidsen said. Three coast guard officials boarded the Greenpeace vessel, and one of them was thrown overboard by the activists. Fourteen coast guard officials eventually boarded the Solo and took control. Norwegian authorities on Thursday confiscated the Sirius for an unspecified length of time after an incident July 20 between Norwegian whalers and Greenpeace. Both ships will likely remain in the hands of the Norwegian authorities until the end of the whaling season in mid-August, in order to allow the whalers to reach their quotas, police said. Norway passed a law last week to protect whaling vessels, allowing fines to be inflicted on boats trying to prevent whaling by damaging equipment or merely manoeuvring, following two weeks of skirmishes. The Norwegian coast guard was also recently given increased police authority to protect

Former Premier Heath slams 'far righť

whalers.

LONDON (AFP) — Former British premier Sir Edward Heath slammed "far right" chop and consolidated their grip on power in Prime Minister John Major's cabinet reshuffle last Wednesday. Writing in the populist weekly News of the World, Sir Edward criticised the "arrogance" and "ignorance" of some of the ministers. He was particularly critical of Home Secretary Michael Howard, whose reform of the legal system, the Criminal Justice Bill, has been delayed by fierce debate in the upper chamber, the House of Lords. Sir Heath also attacked two ministers who are shaping up to squeeze the welfare state still further, the new Employment Secretary Michael Portillo and Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley. Their extreme right-wing views sometimes lead one to wonder whether they have any compassion for or understanding of the electorate," he said. "Both believe that unemployment and social problems are all caused by the inherent lethargy of the

NASA's robot grounded by low clouds

MOUNT SPURR, Alaska 🚊

individual citizens.

(AP) — Low clouds pre-vented a U.S. Army helicopter from taking NASA's Dante II robot to the 3,355metre summit of Mount Sourr, delaying an experiment at the active volcano for at least a day. Plans call for Dante to make topographic maps of a 366-metre deep crater at the volcano and send back a stream of data on air temperature and gases, such as hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide. The background data could aid in predicting a new eruption. The robot was taken half way up the mountain to a wilderness clearning on Saturday. The space agency said it would station two men to camp with the \$1.7 million robot overnight. NASA said late Saturday it would try to reach the peak again on Sunday or Monday. Scientists hope to send the spidery robot down the volcano to test its abilities on rough terrain. They hope one day to use similar robots to map and probe extreme terrains and climates on other planets and moons.

Sceptical Jordanians

By Jack Redden Reuter

AMMAN -- When King Hussein shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Monday, Jordanians at home will be watching for rewards for extending a recognition withheld throughout a 46-

vear state of war. Expectations have been raised by a media campaign that has portrayed Israel as accepting Jordanian water and land claims and Washington guaranteeing to provide military aid and write off \$950 million in debts. None of the benefits is certain.

The government's need to show gains is under-standable: In the space of

eight days, it has ignored the objections of Syria to its drive for peace and given Israel a series of longsought concessions.

Peace talks were moved to the region last week, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres became the highest-ranking Israeli publicly received in Jordan and on Monday the summit opens in Washington. Jordan had refused all such gestures during the previous two-and-a-half years

of peace talks.
"His Majesty voices pride in support of majority of people in quest to end decades of conflict," said a newspaper headline — a backhanded admission that many Jordanians are un-

After 46 years in which Jordan twice fought wars with Israel and was always in an official state of war, it is hard for Jordanians to reverse direction.

Many in the 4.2 million population - about half consider themselves refugees from land now occupied by Israel — still see Israel as an aggressive, expansionist state intent on denying their rights.

"We want peace but what is Israel offering us to feel there is peace? Where is the peace that everyone is talking about?" said Khalil Hindi, a shopkeeper in Agaba near the site of last week's peace talks. Jordan's small leftist par-

ties and the powerful Isla-

mic Action Front, a fun-

damentalist organisation that is a power in Parliament with wide support among Jordan's poor, united on Saturday to declare the summit "a day of sadness and national mour-

ing."
Suspicion of Israel was also apparent in questions to Israeli officials at last week's peace talks along their border by Jordanian journalists.

Repeatedly they asked if Israel was ready to return occupied land or acknowledge it was taking more than its share of water. Evasive replies were understandable in the midst of negotiations but did nothing to win over sceptics. King Hussein knows

summit was announced, he was shown twice on television reassuring army officers who guard the border. The King will want quick benefits to win over doubters. As one negotiator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said before the summit: "I think Jordan

has made a lot of steps

toward peace, now it is the turn of Israel." However, while Jordan has emphasised the need to solve old problems like land and water, Israel and the United States have promoted grand schemes that symbolise normal relations but might not appear until the next century, if

U.S. Secretary of State

a plan to develop the rift valley between the countries - site of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea -at the heart of the summit. Details are to be re-

vealed in Washington, but Jordanian sources say a series of projects are likely to be announced, financed through U.S., European and Japanese aid. Benefits to Jordan could be immense — the pro-

jected Dead Sea-Red Sea canal alone could double drinking water for Jordanians now facing chronic shortages. But it is not guaranteed to happen. Most such schemes can-

not proceed without resolving water and border issues, where progress last week was uneven. Jorda-

nian negotiators were pleased at an agreement to set up a mechanism to at least approach the border question but they found little

Israeli give on water. While Israelis will be pleased by the Washington summit — symbolising their acceptance in a reshaped Middle East many Jordanians will remain suspicious that they have made a poor bargain.

"It's a peace between leaders, not a peace between peoples... the peace they are creating is to serve the interests of Israel," said bank employee Jamil Radi.

"They may remove the barbed wire dividing us from the enemy but they can never demolish that in my heart."

